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What is Health Literacy and Why is it Important?

Health literacy is “the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, communicate, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.” (Healthy People 2020)

The skills of individuals are an important part of health literacy, but health literacy is not only about individuals’ skills. Health systems and professionals impact health literacy by making health information and services understandable and actionable. Information from health professionals, the media, and organizations often present information that is difficult to understand and act on. Therefore, equally important as an individual’s skills, are the skills of health professionals to provide health information in a manner appropriate to their audiences.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

- 8:30-9:00 **Registration opens**
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome from Ohio Health Literacy Partners (OHLP)
President, Karen Komondor
- 9:15-10:30 **Health Literacy: A Foundation for Clear Health
Communication and Patient Safety**
Widely coveted, engaging presentation for healthcare professionals of all experience levels to improve their understanding of what health literacy is and its impact to patient care. *Karen Komondor*
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 **Patient and Caregiver Panel**
Candid discussion with patients and caregivers from various backgrounds. Each will share their challenges navigating healthcare systems and experiences while receiving care
Moderator: Rekha Voruganti
Panelists: *Mary Beth Child* (Patient)
 Mona Taylor (Caregiver)
 Karen Ricci (Parent)
- 12:00-1:00 **Lunch and Networking**
- 1:00-2:15 **The Health Literacy Long Conversation**
Our panel of experts will interview one another on health literacy in the community, with providers, and within organizations.
Moderator: Barbara Carnahan
Panelists: *Jessica Jurcak* (Community)
 Dr. Sandra Cornett (Providers)
 Dr. Mary Ann Abrams (Organizations)
- 2:15-3:15 **Impact Sharing**
Moderator: Dr. Ruth Ludwick
 All Participants
- 3:15-3:30 **Close and Evaluations**
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