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## **Cabrillo College Human Services Program and Janus of Santa Cruz Present Conference on Culturally Focused Treatment**

APTOS, CA —The Cabrillo College Human Services Program today announces that it is co-sponsoring a conference with Janus of Santa Cruz on Culturally Focused Substance Abuse Treatment. The conference, entitled "*Culturally Focused Treatment: Serving Our Diverse Community*," will be held on Friday, September 23, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Cabrillo College's Erica Schilling Forum (Room 450), on the Aptos Campus at 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

The conference features a wide array of distinguished presenters from the Human Services field, and will focus on identifying and discussing the unique challenges of providing substance abuse treatment to specific populations, with the goal of improving cultural competence in the field.

The featured Keynote Speaker is Isabel S. Perez-Yanez, MPH, CHES, CATC. An instructor at the College of San Mateo in the Alcohol and Other Drug Certificate program, Perez-Yanez specializes in working with diverse populations. With over 20 years of direct and administrative experience in public health, education, and social services, Perez-Yanez also provides and develops curriculum for statewide trainings for UC Davis, the Center for Human Services, and the California Hispanic Commission, ONTRACK Program Resources, Inc. and Shears Associates for State Corrections.

The conference will highlight work with the Latino community, as well as veterans, survivors of childhood sexual abuse, the homeless, Native Americans, HIV and AIDS patients, the post-incarcerated, expectant mothers, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. Continuing education hours will be provided for Nurse Practitioners, Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT), Licensed Clinical Social Workers, (ICSW), Registered Addiction Specialists (RAS), and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC).

**What:** Conference "*Culturally Focused Treatment: Serving Our Diverse Community*"

**When:** Friday, September 23, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Cabrillo College Erica Schilling Forum, Room 450  
6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

**Register:** Janus of Santa Cruz – Fax With Credit Card Information to: 831-425-1847

**Info:** Janus Community Clinic – 831-425-2112



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### **About the Cabrillo College Human Services Program**

*Cabrillo's Human Services Program began as a collaboration between the County Santa Cruz Human Services department, Cabrillo and a number of local non-profit agencies in 1995. We came together to find a way to better train the incoming workforce in these departments and agencies and to prepare students for higher education in Social Work, Psychology and Marriage and Family Counseling. Since that time the program has become a major provider of employees to local Human Service organizations, both public and private.*

### **About Cabrillo College**

*Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Its mission is to enhance the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community by assisting all students in their quest for lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing world.*

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