Bridging the Gap: Cultural Sensitivity

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Learning Outcomes:
As a result of participating in this educational activity, learners will be able to:

- Identify common positive and negative messages sent through verbal and interpersonal communication;
- Explain the differences between high and low emotive personalities; and
- Show respect through various cultures’ verbal and interpersonal communication.

About the Session:
The participants of this highly interactive and engaging presentation will learn how to effectively build a bridge between the school and parents of different cultures by tearing down walls and building up trust in the first five minutes. The participants will learn effective communication skills that can be used with various cultures in order to help parents and students feel comfortable right from the start. This motivational and informative presentation combines interpersonal communication, cultural understanding, and a few linguistic skills. Participants will have a deeper understanding of the many ways in which they send positive and negative messages.

Why this is important to a school nurse:
The purpose of this activity is to enable the learner to effectively bridge the cultural gap between the school and community and build up trust in the first five minutes of meeting someone.