

The United States Census Bureau statistics indicate that roughly 38.1 million people live in poverty (Yuchs & Bonham, 2022). Many factors affect an individual's access to healthcare. Living in a culture of poverty challenges some individuals. The attitudes of healthcare workers toward patients from the culture of poverty contribute to the disparity regarding access to healthcare (Yuchs & Bonham, 2022).

This article examines and applies interventions to enhance the care given to those in this vulnerable situation. Forty-nine nurses agreed to participate in this project, with each signing a consent that explained the criteria for participation (Yuchs & Bonham, 2022). A one-hour educational intervention about the culture of poverty was delivered eight times on various shifts (Yuchs & Bonham, 2022). The nurses then completed an "attitude towards poverty" questionnaire. There were twenty-one questions, each being answered on a scale from one to five. It consisted of three elements: personal deficiency, stigma, and structural statement (Yuchs & Bonham, 2022).

The results of this study suggest that change is possible in the mindset of nurses toward the care of patients in poverty (Yuchs & Bonham, 2022). This poverty-related stigma still exists, and nurses play a significant role in dispelling the myth (Yuchs & Bonham, 2022). This project is essential because nurses have an ethical and moral obligation to care for those in need. It represents an approach to alter the lack of knowledge among healthcare professionals (Yuchs & Bonham, 2022).

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