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Race and the Autism Service Pathway: How Race and Racism Impact Autism Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment



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Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Where: Live Interactive Webinar

Registered participants will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to join the session.

Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Explain how racism impacts access to accurate, timely and quality autism assessment, diagnosis and treatments.
2. Discuss primary concerns reported by parents from different racial backgrounds during the ASD diagnosis process.
3. Report on how parental concerns relate to children's symptoms as observed by professionals.
4. Outline actionable steps that ASD practitioners/professionals can take to develop skills and knowledge related to anti-racist clinical practice.

*The first part of this session will outline the autism service pathway – from assessment to treatment – and the impact of racism on this process. Next, the presenter will provide an overview of the different concerns that parents from different racial backgrounds share about their children with ASD. The presenter will discuss concerns reported by Black, Hispanic, White and Asian families and how this relates to symptom severity in children. Then, the presenter will discuss how race may impact treatment services. Finally, the presenters will outline specific and practical recommendations for autism practitioners, as well as provide training and educational resources related to anti-racist clinical practice. **Instructional Level: Intermediate***

Who Should Attend? Psychologists, Social workers, Counselors, Educators, Parents and Caregivers, Nurses, Clinical and Medical Staff, Direct Support Professionals and other Community Service Providers, Speech/Physical/Occupational therapists, Students/Trainees

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