



# NAACFRC COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH CONFERENCE

## CO-CREATING RESEARCH TO SUPPORT BLACK RESISTANCE AND JOY

June 8, 2023 · Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA

### CONFERENCE TITLE

NAACFRC Community-Engaged Research Conference

### CONFERENCE THEME

Co-Creating Research to Support Black Resistance and Joy

### CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This conference will highlight community-engaged research by community leaders and academicians in the areas of economic/social mobility and early care and education. The presentations will highlight strategies that build on the strengths of African American children and families and programs and those that affirm and create positive experiences and outcomes for African American children and families (joy) often in the presence of unjust circumstances (resistance).

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023**

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST (NCPC Atrium)**

**9:30 AM – 10:45 AM GENERAL SESSION I & OPENING PANEL (NCPC Auditorium)**

**The Role of Community-Engaged Research in Advancing Equity in Services for African American Children and Families**

In 2021, OPRE issued a brief entitled, *Enhancing Rigor, Relevance, and Equity in Research and Evaluation Through Community Engagement*, which stated “Community leaders, community members, and researchers increasingly recognize that engaging communities in research and evaluation is critical for implementing effective programs and building trust. Researchers and communities also recognize the value of community-engaged research to improve the rigor and relevance of research and evaluation and better address historical and ongoing systemic inequities. Community-engaged research is more than a project or study; it is a process that requires commitment from researchers and communities to sustain long-term relationships and collaboration.” We will hear from community-engaged researchers and community leaders about the role of research in improving programs and services for African American children and families and ensuring services are equitable through positive outcomes.

#### Objectives:

- Recognize why research matters for advancing equity and improving programs/services for African American children and families;
- Examine the significance of mistrust in research participation;
- Identify community-engaged research approaches with African American children and families; and,
- Identify outcomes and actions that result from community-engaged research.

**Moderator** **Latrice Rollins, PhD, MSW**  
Director and Principal Investigator, NAACFRC  
Assistant Professor, Community Health and Preventive Medicine Department  
Prevention Research Center  
Morehouse School of Medicine

**Speaker** **Amanda Coleman, PhD, MA**  
Deputy Division Director, Division of Children and Family Development  
Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation  
Administration for Children and Families (ACF)  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**Panelist** **Rodney Washington, EdD**  
Co-Investigator, NAACFRC  
Early Care and Education  
Consulting Plus, LLC

**Panelist** **Nina Smith, PhD**  
Co-Investigator, NAACFRC  
Rural Populations  
Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences  
North Carolina Central University



**Panelist Nancy A. Flake Johnson, MBA**  
President and CEO,  
Urban League of Greater Atlanta

**Panelist Danette McLaurin Glass**  
Chief Operating Officer / Senior Strategist  
First TEAM America, LLC  
President, Center for Family and Community Wellness, Inc.

## CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1

### 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION 1-A (NCPC 207/218 – IN PERSON ONLY)** **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Simulator**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic experiences and may have negative long-lasting effects on the health and wellbeing of children through adulthood. ACEs are a reality for many individuals and families. This simulation was developed to provide a glimpse of the effects of early and chronic traumatic experiences such as abuse, neglect, and exposure to violence in homes and communities. The cases are real. The FACES of ACEs™ Simulator is an interactive, immersion experience to inform participants of the complexities of ACEs and how to be more trauma-informed and responsive in our work.

#### Objectives:

- Identify adverse experiences that can impact a child's development and response to stress;
- Identify a range of social and community impacts resulting from ACEs; and,
- Describe adverse childhood experiences through a 'trauma-informed lens'.

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**Facilitator Danette McLaurin Glass**  
Chief Operating Officer / Senior Strategist  
First TEAM America, LLC  
President, Center for Family and Community Wellness, Inc.

### 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION 1-B (NCPC Auditorium)** **Community-Engaged Research in Early Care & Education**

Leaders from across sectors will share how their research and programs with African American children and parents in early care and education.

#### Objectives:

- Assess the landscape of work being done in early care and education with African American children and parents; and,
- Describe best practices and approaches to apply to their own work.

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**Facilitator Tandeca King Gordon, EdD**  
Associate Director, NAACFRC  
Instructor, Community Health and Preventive Medicine  
Morehouse School of Medicine

**Presenter Y. Denise Mayhan, PhD**  
Director, Practice Operations,  
Women & Infant Health Services  
Grady Hospital

**Presenter Ashley A. Strickland, AAS**  
Assistant Director,  
Little Ones Learning Center

**Presenter Amanda A. Evans**  
Early Care and Education (ECE) Program Manager  
Hand, Heart + Soul Project

**Presenter Kim L. Alleyne, EdD**  
Director, Community Partnerships  
Brazelton Touchpoints Center



**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM** **BREAKOUT SESSION 1-C (NCPC 325/340)**  
**Community-Engaged Research in Fatherhood**

NAACFRC pilot project program grantees, who are leaders in community-based organizations in diverse sectors, will share their fatherhood research including perspectives of fathers in early care and education and health and human services.

**Objectives:**

- Describe the NAACFRC Pilot Project Program;
- Describe the importance of father engagement in health and human services;
- Describe fathers' perspectives on their needs, strengths, and experiences with health and human services; and,
- Describe best practices and approaches to be father-inclusive in health and human services.

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<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Cassandra L. Bolar, PhD</b> Co-Investigator, NAACFRC Fatherhood / Family Dynamics
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Kenneth Braswell</b> CEO Fathers Incorporated
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Jeffrey Shears, PhD</b> Co-Chair Moynihan Institute for Fatherhood Research and Policy
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Joyce Y. Hall, DrPH, MPH</b> Chief Program Officer Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Inc.
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Bevan K. Baker, FACHE</b> Senior Research Advisor Assistant Clinical Professor, UWM Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Inc.
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Amanda R. Brown, PhD</b> Director of Research Brightpoint
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Larry (Leo) Davis</b> Navigator Case Manager – Thriving Fathers & Families Adjunct Professor (Social Work) Brightpoint (Formerly – Children’s Home & Aid)
<b>Discussant</b>	<b>John H. Allen, MSW</b> Family Assistance Program Specialist Office of Family Assistance (OFA) Healthy Marriage & Responsible Fatherhood (HMRF) Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

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**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM** **LUNCH (NCPC Atrium)**



## CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

### 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION 2-A (NCPC Auditorium)**

#### Community-Engaged Research in Economic Mobility and Poverty Alleviation

Community and academic leaders will share how they address poverty and economic inequities among African-American children and families. Presenters will highlight approaches, research findings, lessons learned, and recommendations.

#### Objectives:

- Assess the landscape of work being done to address economic and social inequities; and,
- Describe best practices and approaches to apply to their own work.

**Facilitator** **Alexander Camardelle, PhD**

Co-Investigator, NAACFRC  
TANF / Economic Mobility

**Presenter** **Renee Peterkin, MPA**

Deputy Director,  
The Georgia Resilience and Opportunity (GRO) Fund

**Presenter** **Simone A. Smith, LMSW, NPM**

Student, School of Social Work  
Clark Atlanta University

**Presenter** **Aaron Quick, MSW**

Student, School of Social Work  
Clark Atlanta University

**Presenter** **Desha L. Elliott, MS**

Student, School of Social Work  
Clark Atlanta University

**Presenter** **Sterling Johnson, MPA**

Director, Just Opportunity Portfolio  
Partnership for Southern Equity

**Discussant** **Gabrielle Newell, MSc**

Senior Social Science Research Analyst  
Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE)

### 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION 2-B (NCPC 325/340)**

#### NAACFRC 2022-2023 Emerging Scholars Showcase

NAACFRC Emerging Scholars, who are doctoral and medical students who have been mentored for the past year by NAACFRC co-investigators, will share their research in education, economic mobility, and the health and well-being of African-American children and families.

#### Objectives:

- Describe the NAACFRC Emerging Scholars Program; and,
- Describe research findings in the areas of education, mental health, and justice and human services.

**Facilitator** **Robert M. Mayberry, MS, MPH, PhD**

NAACFRC Capacity Building Co-Lead  
Professor, Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine  
Morehouse School of Medicine

**Presenter** **Aaron J. Neal, MS**

PhD Candidate, Department of Psychology  
University of Michigan

**Presenter** **Breanna N. Chachere, MPH**

NAACFRC Emerging Scholar  
Medical Student  
University of Houston



**Presenter Terrance J. Lewis, MEd**  
Presidential Research Fellow and Graduate Assistant (GA)  
Auburn University

**Presenter Adrienne C. Jones**  
PhD Candidate, Sanford School of Public Policy  
Duke University

**Discussant Calonie Gray, PhD**  
Senior Social Science Research Analyst,  
Division of Family Strengthening  
Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE)  
Administration for Children and Families (ACF)  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**3:00 PM – 4:30 PM GENERAL SESSION II & CLOSING PANEL (NCPC Auditorium)**  
**Using Data and Research to Advance Equity and Improve Services for African American Children, Families, and Workforce**

Community leaders from diverse sectors will discuss the use of data and research to inform human services and ways to reduce the gaps between current human service practices and goals for better quality services and positive outcomes.

**Objectives:**

- Identify successful strategies to use research to advance equity and improve services to African American children, families, and the workforce; and,
- Discuss current trends in services to African American children and families and workforce issues that need further exploration or data.

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**Moderator Latrice Rollins, PhD, MSW**  
Director and Principal Investigator, NAACFRC  
Assistant Professor, Community Health and Preventive Medicine Department  
Prevention Research Center  
Morehouse School of Medicine

**Panelist Jacqueline (Jacque) Mull**  
ACF Region 4 Regional Administrator  
Administration for Children and Families (ACF)  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**Panelist Jennifer R. Daniels, PhD, MSW**  
National Poverty Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation  
Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

**Panelist Howard W. Grant, PhD**  
President/CEO  
Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (FACAA)

**Panelist Bisa B. Lewis, EdD**  
President  
Black Child Development Institute (BCDI) – Atlanta

**Panelist Feliciano Lewis, MAT**  
Board Member, Georgia Head Start Association Board of Directors  
Founder and CEO, Men 4 Men, LLC

**4:30 PM – 4:45 PM Closing Remarks & Evaluation**

**Speaker Megan Reid, PhD**  
Senior Social Science Research Analyst  
Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE)  
Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

**Speaker Latrice Rollins, PhD, MSW**  
Director and Principal Investigator, NAACFRC  
Assistant Professor, Community Health and Preventive Medicine Department  
Prevention Research Center  
Morehouse School of Medicine