



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'.

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.

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.

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

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**
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
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