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Connecting FACES in Maine: Addressing Racial Disparities in the Education of Black Students on the Autism Spectrum

Dr. Jamie Pearson

Session Description

Join us for this unique opportunity! The Fostering Advocacy, Communication, Empowerment, and Supports for African American Families of Children with Autism (FACES) online, asynchronous training module launches June 1! Designed for families and professionals, preregistration is now open.

In this training module, Dr. Jamie Pearson provides participants with foundational knowledge about what Autism disparities that exist among minority students with Autism, and shares strategies to help support parents and educators identify appropriate services and supports for minority children with Autism. By completing this module participants will learn more about Autism and the characteristics of autism, identify appropriate services and supports for working with minority children with Autism and their families, learn about strategies for working with children with Autism, and develop a plan to ensure equity and access to appropriate services and supports.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Jamie Pearson is an Assistant Professor of Special Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Learning Sciences at North Carolina State University. Dr. Pearson's areas of research include investigating disparities in the diagnosis of autism and access to services for minority families and assessing the impact of parent-advocacy and empowerment training on family dynamics and child outcomes.

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