

Title: Racism Amid Child Welfare Oversight: The Impact on Black Children and Families

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This session will address the prevalence of disproportionality within the child welfare system as a result of systemic racism and oppression embedded in such institutions. Participants will be introduced to ways in which systemic racism impacts Black child welfare involved children and families and will brainstorm ideas for improving outcomes.

Objectives:

1. Understand the prevalence of disproportionality within the child welfare system.
2. Acknowledge the child welfare system in light of systemic racism and oppression embedded in such institutions.
3. Develop awareness of ways in which systemic racism impacts Black child welfare involved children and families.
4. Consider suggested recommendations for validating the lived experiences of Black child welfare involved families.
5. Brainstorm ideas for improving outcomes for Black children and families that engage with child welfare services.

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