

MSU Autism Conference

“MSU Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Family and Professionals Day”

June 24, 2021 – Event

Join by Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97035921156>

WELCOME (8:30)

B. Keith English, M.D.

Chair, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development, College of Human Medicine/ MSU

Introduction and Recognition of

- Dean Sousa
- C-RAIND and Hope Network
- Work of Committee and their role

Barbara Thompson, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor CHM, Pediatrics and Human Development, studies social and emotional neurodevelopment.

Introduction: Opening remarks and Introductions of Session One Presenters

SESSION ONE – BULLYING (9:00 – 10:15)

Mandy Stewart, Ph.D.

“How Public Schools Respond to Bullying Behaviors”

Marisa Fisher, Ph.D.

“Descriptions of Bullying Experiences of Adolescents with ASD: Differences between Parent and Student Report”

Mandy Sosnoski

“Parent shared experience of bullying”

Panel Discussion (15 Minute)

Rebecca Knickmeyer, M.D.

Associate Professor, CHM, Pediatrics and Human Development

Introduction of Session Two Presenters

SESSION TWO – SOCIAL JUSTICE (10:30 – 12:00)

Chioma Torres, M.D.

“Disparities in diagnosis and management for children with ASD”

Zakia Alavi M.D.

“MC3 Connect Grant”

Diondra Straiton, MA and Aksheya Sridhar, MA

“We’re Black first and everything else is next”: At the intersection of anti-Black racism and autism.

Panel Discussion (15 Minute)

Break and Self-Guided Tour (12:00 – 1:00) Intro by: Barbara Thompson

SESSION THREE – RELATIONSHIPS (1:00 – 2:15) Intro by: Barbara Thompson

Steve Pastyrnak, Ph.D.

“Sexuality and Boundaries”

Joel Maatman

“Ways to Communicate with Law Enforcement”

Mira Jourdan, Ph.D.

“Relationships as it relates to Autism”

Panel Discussion (15 Minute)

Wrap Up – Dr. Keith English

RESOURCE FAIR (2:15 – 4:00) Livestream, Resources and Materials

June 23, 2021 – Event Preview

June 25, 2021 – Post-Conference Access to Exhibit Booths