



## FAMCD & ARCA Webinar Series Presents:

### Autism And The Black Family Part II

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**Webinar Overview:** This workshop will highlight the importance of cultural awareness when working with Black families of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Beginning with a detailed analysis and explanation of culture broadly, the presenter will lead the conversation toward helping attendees understand their cultural development and biases. Next, attendees will learn how their own biases can lead to “resistance” with families in the therapy setting. The workshop will continue with the theoretical understanding of Black culture and it’s the implications for therapy. The aim of this presentation will illustrate the current state of the field in the area of servicing diverse communities as well as open the door to having more clinicians incorporate the discussion of culture.

#### Training Objectives:

1. Participants will learn the importance of cultural competence and the important role it plays in the Black autism community.
2. Participants will gain knowledge on how their own biases and unknown ableist views affect the outcomes of successful joining with black parents who have a child with autism
3. Participants will learn how to have culturally responsible discussions with the parents and educators of children with autism spectrum disorder

**Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019**

**Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm EST**

**Cost:**

**Free for FCA & ARCA Members**

**\$12 Non FCA Member**

**\$25 for 1-hr CEH**

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Maria Davis-Pierre is the founder of Autism in Black Inc. She is a therapist, coach, speaker, author and advocate. After going through the process of getting her daughter diagnosed at 18 months, Maria changed her specialty and began working heavily in the Autism community. In January of 2018, Maria launched her 2nd private practice, Autism in Black Inc., which aims to provide support to black parents who have a child on the spectrum through educational and advocacy services. Autism in Black Inc. is dedicated to bringing awareness and acceptance to Autism Spectrum Disorder and reducing the stigma associated with ASD in the black community.

Maria is a licensed mental health counselor (LMHC) in the state of Florida. She graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelors of Science in Sociology and went on to obtain a Masters of Science in Mental Health Counseling from Nova Southeastern University. Maria is currently working on her Ph.D. in Family Therapy from Nova as well, and is the current Secretary for the Florida Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development.

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