



unPLUGGING THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE:
The Adulthood and Criminalization of Juveniles
with a focus on Psycho-Social Disorders and other Cognitive Disorders
-OUTLINE OF LUNCHTIME SESSIONS-

Lunchtime Session #1 – March 2, 2022
Overview and Update on Adulthood and Criminalization
Juanita M. Simmons, PhD – MJJA RED Consultant

Dr. Juanita Simmons - When: Mar 2, 2022 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Juanita M. Cleaver Simmons, PhD, is Senior Diversity Consulting Partner with Atlanta-based Talent Management Consultants, LLC. She specializes in training and designs for diversity, equity, climate, workplace civility and inclusion, and Equity Coaching with theoretical and practical strategies. Her passion is facilitating seminars in leadership development for cultural competency and responsiveness for excellence in equity. She is the former Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Northwest Missouri State University, and retired associate professor of the University of Missouri-Columbia. She earned her PhD in Urban

Superintendency and a Master's in Educational Leadership from the University of Texas-Austin. She takes special pride in working with the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association, where she has conducted many conference presentations and training seminars. She now serves as a consultant for the Stop Red (Racial and Ethnic Disparity).

Presentation Synopsis: This entire lunch series will focus on the adulthood and criminalization of youths, including those who have been diagnosed to have psychosocial (or perceived) disabilities. Guest specialists are included for their expertise in this area. **Special attention will also be given to the current and past work of RED Coordinators**, including open floor discussions and sharing of activities and efforts (See, also the Pipeline Graphic with your RED activities and events). Pre-readings and enrichment materials will be posted. More discussions will be provided via **RED BLOG postings**.

Lunchtime Session #2 – March 30, 2022
Criminalization of Juveniles with Behavioral-Disorders
Cognitive Disorders and the School-to-Prison Pipeline
Larry Bryant, PhD

Dr. Larry Bryant - When: Mar 30, 2022 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Larry C. Bryant, PhD, is a professional educator, consultant, and advocate for nearly 30 years. Dr. Bryant's research examines the cultural relationships between urban adolescents and social systems. His immediate interest lies in understanding the impact of race in education, the social interaction between race and social systems, and social justice in education. More specifically, Dr. Bryant employs theories of justice to address the phenomenon of the overrepresentation of African American males in special education programs for students with emotional and/or behavioral disabilities.

Presentation Synopsis: The Criminalization of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) with disabilities or perceived disabilities face upward discrimination in the social construction of their disabilities. While White students with disabilities and who are of wealth have their disabilities constructed as a health concern, which in turn is typically treated with care and innovated resources. Unlike their White counterparts, BIPOC adolescents with disabilities (perceived or otherwise) are predictably criminalized; and they are constructed as necessitating separation and isolation from general education spaces. The phenomenon of constructing and criminalizing disabilities (perceived or otherwise) of BIPOC adolescents and the role of schools and school actors warrants more than a simple investigation.

Lunchtime Session 3 – April 6, 2022

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Culturally Responsive Communication and Relation Building with Latinx Students and Their Families

Daisy Barron', EdD

Daisy Indira Barron - When: Apr 6, 2022 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Daisy Indira Barrón is a first-generation Mexican American who was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. She has two fully bilingual and bicultural children. She studied a bachelor's in information technology at the Universidad de Guadalajara campus, LAMAR. Barrón holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication and Spanish from Evangel University, a master's in art in teaching with an emphasis in Spanish from Missouri State University, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Missouri-Columbia, MO. She has a TESOL certificate from Cambridge University. Dr. Barrón has taught PK-master level classes, multicultural education, and diversity for eight years. She has supervised the Spanish department at Southwest Baptist University, managed a grant with Missouri State University's School of Social Work, and the Department of Human Services to provide services for Latinos in Southwest Missouri; and for the last 19 years has served in diverse Hispanic/Latino community-based and educational organizations in their board of directors. She is an interpreter and translator and has been part of the bilingual programs with the Greene County libraries in Springfield, MO. She is the editor and contributor of the book, *A Perspective of Multicultural Education and Diversity*. Her recent book, *Hispanic Women/Latina Leaders Overcoming Barriers*, was so recognized that the publishers gifted Vice President Kamala Harris with a personal copy.

Presentation Synopsis: Culturally-linguistic juveniles and their families are often challenged in the courts, educational systems, and other social institutions. What might educators and juvenile professionals do to assist in

bridging the gap in order to better connect with these youths and their families. Stories of hope and confession are shared.

Lunchtime Session #4 – May 25, 2022

Criminalization of Juveniles with Psychosocial Disorders

What Juvenile Professionals and their Organizations should Know about Youths who Suffer from Psychosocial Disorders and Traumatic Experiences

Allen Sullivan, PhD

Dr. Allen Sullivan -When: May 25, 2022 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Allen Sullivan, PhD, has published over 80 book chapters, articles, reviews, technical reports, and has written numerous funded multi-million grants in the field of curriculum development, special, education, psychological testing, talent and giftedness, the arts, multiculturalism, linguistics, as well as parental/community involvement in schools, infant education, behavioral management, and youth development. In addition he has served as a public school teacher (Syracuse Public Schools), Instructor SUNY Upstate Medical University, college professor, (Syracuse University, University of Minnesota, William & Mary College, and The University of Texas at Dallas) developmental, industrial, and organizational development psychologist, and has appeared on national television, lectured, and consulted extensively in a variety of schools, colleges, universities, criminal justice, law enforcement agencies, Fortune 500 Companies, and human service settings throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Africa.

Presentation Synopsis: What juvenile professionals, court administrators, and other public service representatives should know about juvenile behavior and the impact that their behavior holds on criminal activities. Dr. Sullivan will openly share and interact with others about his years of experience and professional appointments with organizations that interact with youths who have experienced trauma, and those who have been thought to have psycho-social disorders. Discussion about neuro-diverse experiences will be directly integrated into these discussions.

Lunchtime Session #5– June 22, 2022

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***What School Administrators can do to Reduce Juvenile Referrals:
Tricks of the trade gained from leading urban high schools***

Tia Locke Simmons, EdD

Tia Locke-Simmons - When: Jun 22, 2022 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Tia N. Locke-Simmons, EdD is a 23-year educator who has served as a Special Education Teacher, Behavior Support Specialists, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, Executive Principal, Director of Accountability and Assessment, and a Curriculum Director. As former executive principal of two of some of the largest high schools in America, she has created and designed alternative programs and activities to divert criminal activities in urban high schools. She is a product of the inner-city, urban high school of Dallas Independent School District - South Oath Cliff High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Our Lady of the Lake University, a Master of Education from Stephen F. Austin State University, and was recently awarded her Degree in Educational Leadership from Sam Houston State University. She is a Harvard Scholar through the Raise Your Hand Texas Program, and holds the Higher Education Teaching Certification from Harvard University. Tia is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and is a Past President of the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She is a founding member of the Houston Metropolitan Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women. Tia has received several recognitions, including the National Women of Achievement Yellow Rose Award and the Wheeler Avenue Inner City Visions Audrey H. Lawton IMPACT Award for her service and civic-mindedness, the Trailblazer Award from the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club. She is most noted for her success in changing the cultural climate and academic ratings of urban high schools.

Presentation Synopsis: Dr. Locke-Simmons will share some 'tricks of the trade' that she gained from leading urban high schools. She shares practice-based evidence of strategies she used to divert violence and to improve hostile climates in schools. Quick activities to build and strengthen relationships between administrators, resource officers-local police, juvenile officers, etc. are shared in a fun and humorous way.

Dr. Juanita Simmons

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Dr. Allen Sullivan

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