Meeting the Needs of Families:  
a Community of Practice
Saturday, February 15, 2020
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

The professional development pilot project was created in response to two major challenges practitioners face: serving children, who display elevated behavioral needs; and a general lack of community resources needed to implement effective practice. The community of practice is a professional development strategy to extend the time needed to process information gained at the conference, further develop practitioner technology skillset, and establish a platform for local practitioners working to support each other using new resources and strategies.

Mission: Coordinating culturally responsive practice with family and community engagement in education and health using a community of practice to rejuvenate culture, environment, and climate for our children.

The Pre-Conference:
• Community of Practice: Introduction to Conference Topics, Presenter Bios, Schedule
• No Small Matter Viewing & Facilitated Discussion

The Conference:
• The Elephant in the Rom: Toxic Stress Effects on Health, Executive Function & Self-Regulation
• The Equipped Practitioner: Self-care, Reflective Practice & a Community of Practice
• Relationships Matter: Culturally Responsive Practice with Family & Community Engagement
• A Proactive Approach to Working with Families: Creating Safe Environments for Children & Families, Teaching Problem Solving & Focus on Success

Where: Dawson Community College, Ullman Center
Cost: Free; Professional Development Units available
Open to Practitioners serving families ages 0-8

Register at:
Pre-Conference: Friday; 2/14; 6 pm — 8 pm
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meeting-the-needs-of-families-project-friday-evening-6-8pm-tickets-82704159367

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