

Behavioral Health Matters

Black History Month Series 2021

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Virtual Presentation
February 25 & 26, 2021



SAMHSA
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Post-Event Links

Learn more about our guest and showcase speakers

The list below is presented in the order of the agenda for this two-day event.

DAY ONE

- [Connecticut State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services](#)
- [SAMHSA, Office of Behavioral Health Equity](#)
- [AFCAMP – Advocacy for Children](#)
- [The Health Education Center, Inc.](#)
- [New England Mental Health Technology Transfer Center](#)
- [Legendary Legacies, Inc.](#)
- [Indigo Arts Alliance](#)
- [Rhode Island Cares](#)

DAY TWO

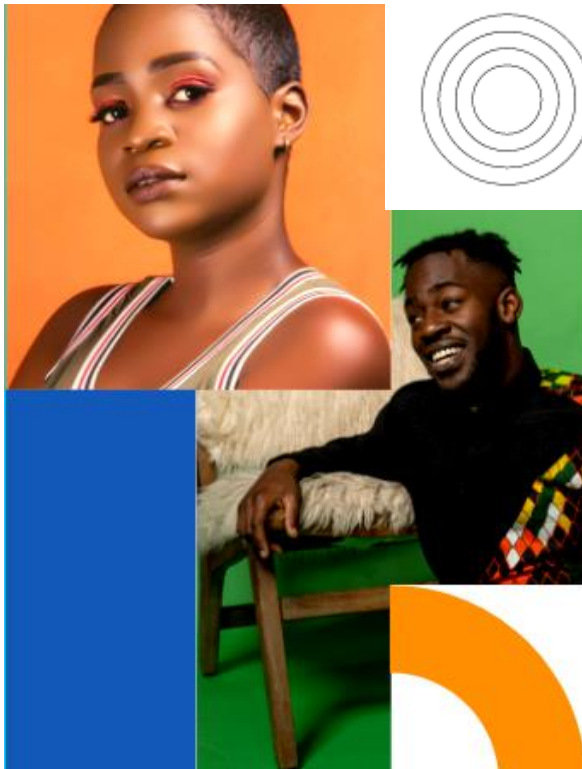
- [Vital Village Networks](#)
- [Project Weber/RENEW](#)
- [Connecticut BIPOC Mental Health and Wellness Initiative](#)
- [Vibrant Emotional Health](#)
- [Life in My Days](#)
- [KeruBo Music](#)
- [Center for Health + Justice Transformation](#)

Upcoming Events, Additional Resources



Hosted/Shared by Our Collaborators

- **March 4, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m. EDT**
[Elevate CBOs Webinar Series: Grants 101](#)
Host: SAMSHA Office of Behavioral Health Equity
- **March 10, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. EDT**
[Children's Mobile Crisis Team Model: Lessons Learned](#)
Host: New England MHTTC, Childhood-Trauma Learning Collaborative
- [Vibrant Emotional Health: Crisis Emotional Care Team Brochure](#)



WELCOME NEW ENGLAND

Behavioral Health Matters Black History Month Series

introduces the

Diversity Inclusion Project Showcase

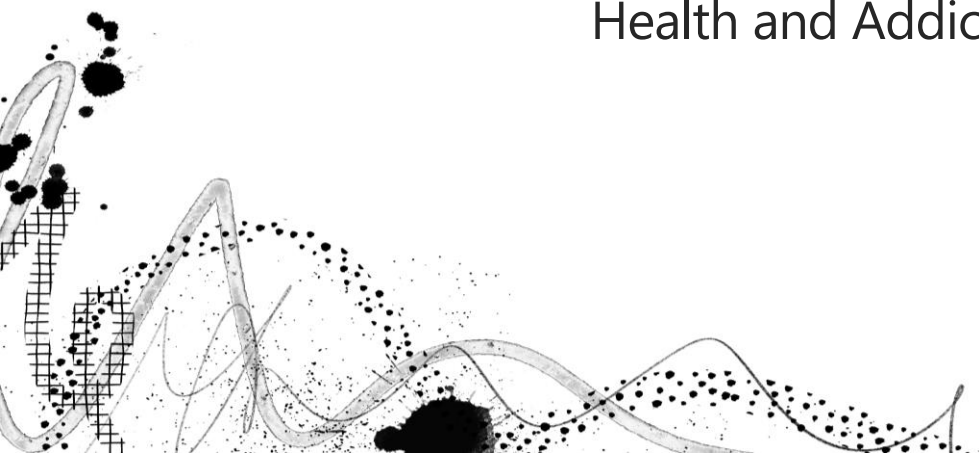
Opening Remarks & Introduction of Special Guest **Taylor Bryan Turner**

Welcome & Introduction of Guest Speaker **Tom Coderre, Acting Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use**



Guest Speaker
Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, PhD
Commissioner

Connecticut State Department of Mental
Health and Addiction Services



Diversity Inclusion Project Showcase

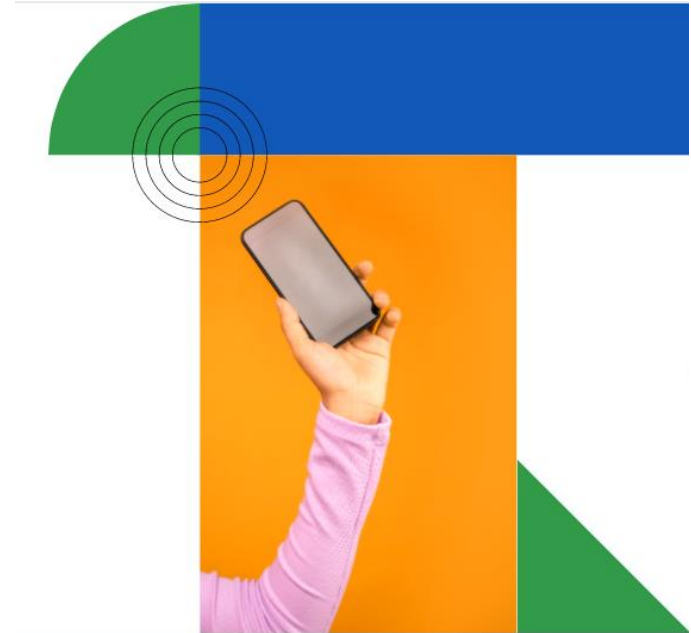


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Presented Challenges

WHAT CAN SAMHSA DO?

- What is SAMHSA doing to increase diversity among grantees?
- What is SAMHSA doing to increase visibility for all providers?
- Why do the same entities continue to get funding each year?
- What is SAMHSA doing about behavioral health equity in the region?



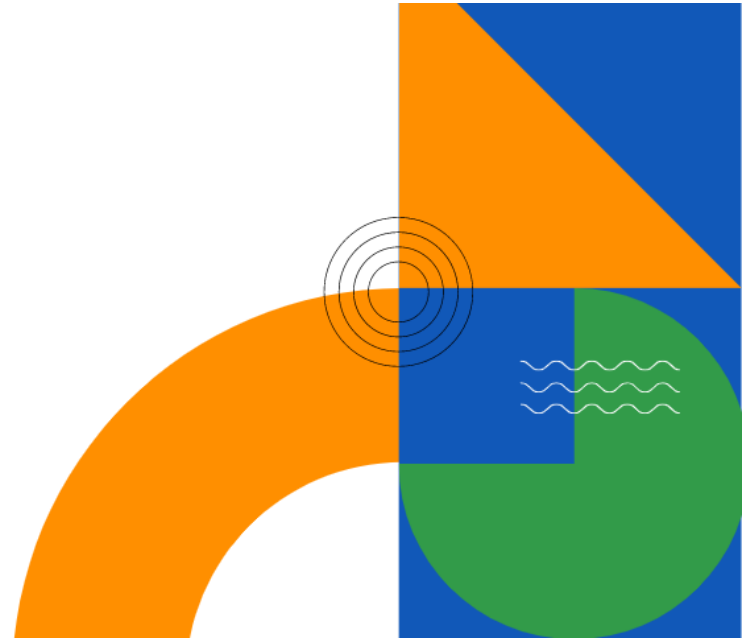
Possible Solutions

SAMHSA CAN...

- Own it
- Ask to review state proposals
- Listen & Convene

"SAMHSA hears from state colleagues and other stakeholders that, 'State Administrators want to do good; help them do it.'"

- OBHE, Strategies for Outreach and Engaging
Communities of Color: A Pathway to Reducing Disparities





MISSION

Create a space to cultivate strong partnerships for equitable and healthier communities



GOAL

Provide diverse non-profit organizations an opportunity to present their business focus, populations served, purpose and community impact, to regional behavioral health and substance use disorder leadership in your states.



PURPOSE

This effort is in direct response to local organizations who wish to gain access to SAMHSA block grants. SAMHSA is exempt from advising states on how to allocate federal funds. However, as a convener, SAMHSA has the ability to assemble historically marginalized populations with visible and viable entities in an effort to cultivate partnerships.

DIPS Breakdown

WHO

State leadership, providers and CBOs in under-served communities, who wish to gain access to federal funds to address substance use and behavioral health needs. Other federal partners, academia, and philanthropic entities are welcome to attend and share complimentary grant announcements.

WHAT

The Diversity Inclusion Project Showcase (DIPS) is an in person or virtual convening where community providers will showcase their business and community needs in 10 minutes or less to state leadership and various partners to maximize funding potential. DIPS categories may include: youth, housing, PPW, workforce development, LGBTQIA+ re-entry and justice, serious mental illness, veterans, older adults, faith groups, etc.

WHEN

DIPS may be held annually or biannually depending on your community needs or SAMHSA grant cycle. Grant cycles are unique to states. The program should not exceed 120 minutes.

DIPS Breakdown Continued

WHERE

Be creative. Be thoughtful.

- Office Conference Space
- Local Library
- CBO – Visit the community
- Host virtually

WHY

DIPS' mission and goal is to create a space to cultivate strong partnerships for equitable and healthier communities. DIPS brings visibility to under-served community based organizations to ensure viability.



Sample Agenda

Welcome & Partner Roll Call: 5 MIN
SAMHSA

Guest Speaker/Purpose: 5 MIN

Moderator* 5: MIN

Showcase 1: 5 MIN

Showcase 2: 5 MIN

Showcase 3: 5 MIN

Showcase 4: 5 MIN

Break 5 MIN

Showcase 5: 5 MIN

Showcase 6: 5 MIN

Showcase 7: 5 MIN

Showcase 8: 5 MIN

Adjourn 5 MIN



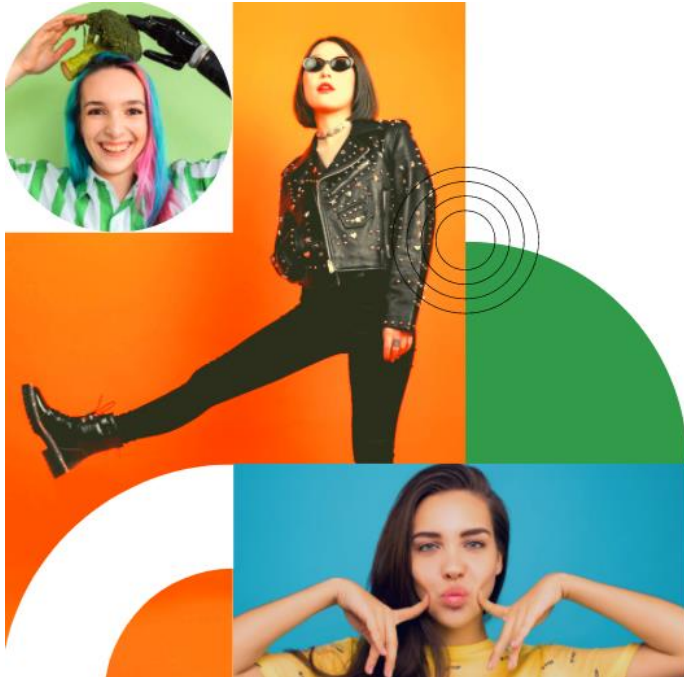
MATCH THE PROGRAM TO THE PEOPLE

After each presenter, the state liaison will identify a point of contact or office to the presenting agency for follow-up and ongoing engagement.

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

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Outcomes




1. After a year, states will report out on successful partnerships formed throughout the year.
2. Increase diverse populations among community needs assessments.
3. Implement data used from the pandemic to identify hot spots to secure funding.
4. Increase access to funding where businesses provide for underserved communities in the areas of behavioral health, prevention, treatment, and recovery.
5. Create a space to cultivate strong partnerships for equitable and healthier communities.

DIPS DREAM GOAL

Create a checkbox on grants.gov that would identify businesses that provide services to communities where 50% or more of the population is of Color.

Office of Behavioral Health Equity Tips

"A Compelling and Urgent Need: COVID -19 pandemic, economic crisis and widespread racially-focused protests, has highlighted glaring inequities for racial and ethnic minority communities."



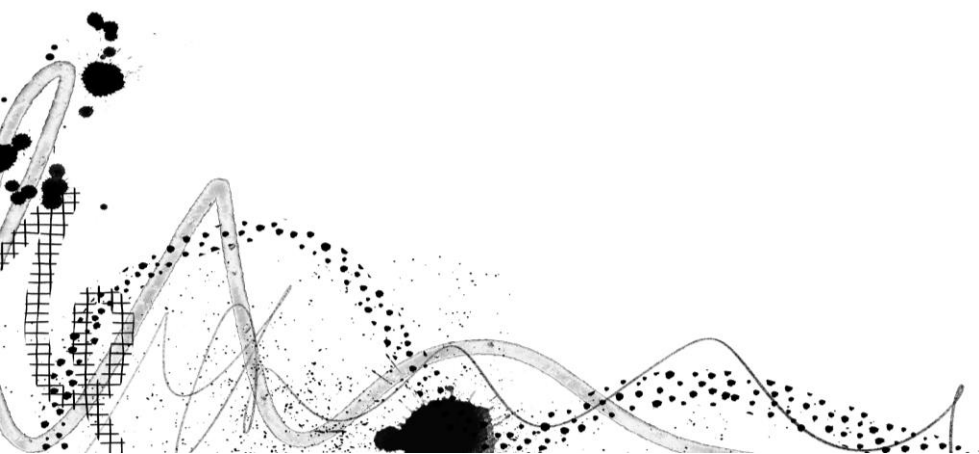
"These crises have significant implications for mental health and exacerbate already poor access to behavioral health services in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities."

"SAMHSA is also committed to ensuring that underserved populations, particularly ethnic and racial minority communities, receive a fair share of these federal resources. Unfortunately, as SAMHSA examines the outcomes and performance data of these investments, it is clear that populations of color remain markedly underserved."

- [OBHE, Strategies for Outreach and Engaging Communities of Color: A Pathway to Reducing Disparities](#)

Facilitator
Mary Roary, PhD

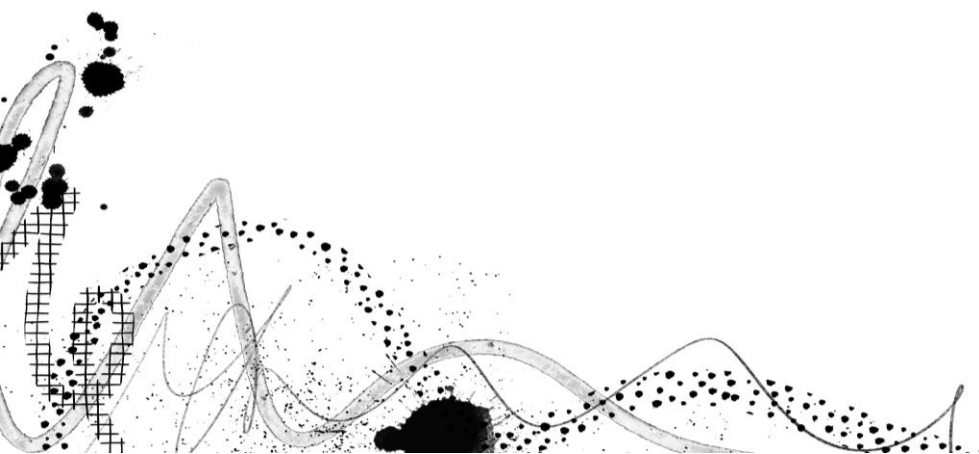
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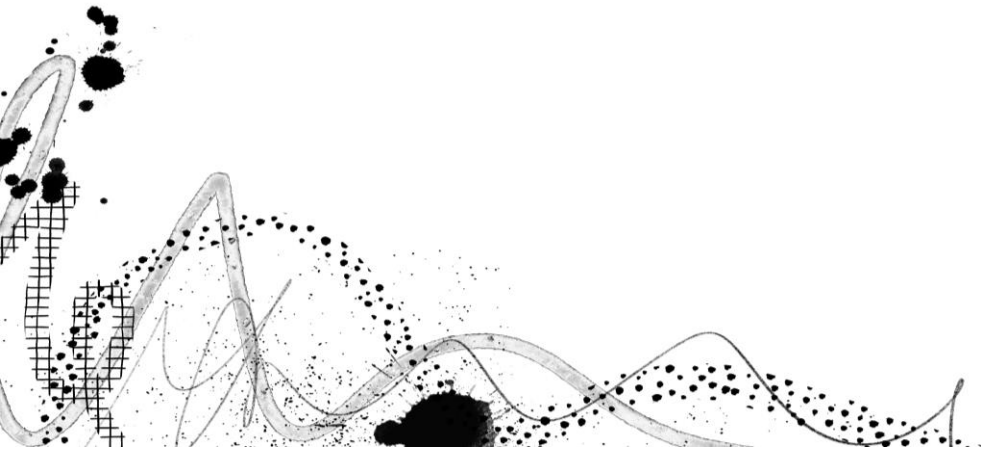
Ann Smith, JD, MBA

Executive Director
AFCAMP - Advocacy for Children



Connecticut Showcase Speaker

Michele Scott
Executive Director
Health Education Center



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Maria E. Restrepo-Toro, BNS, MS
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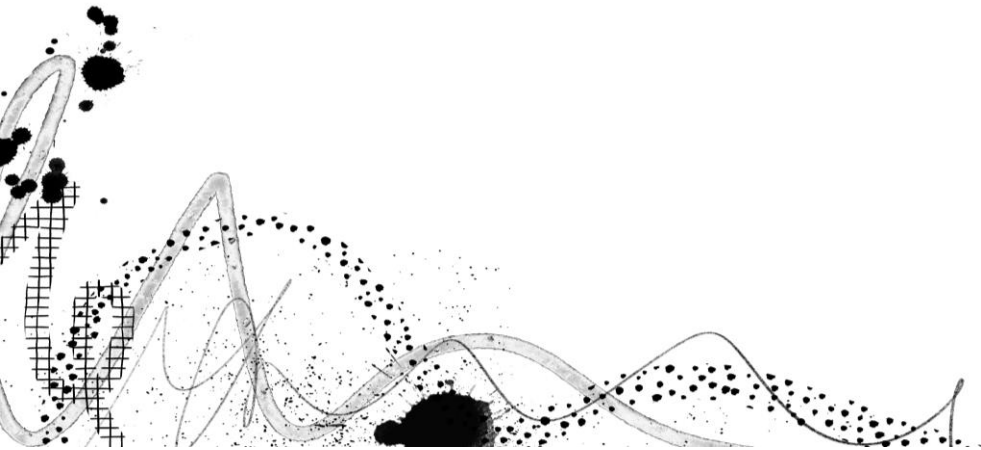
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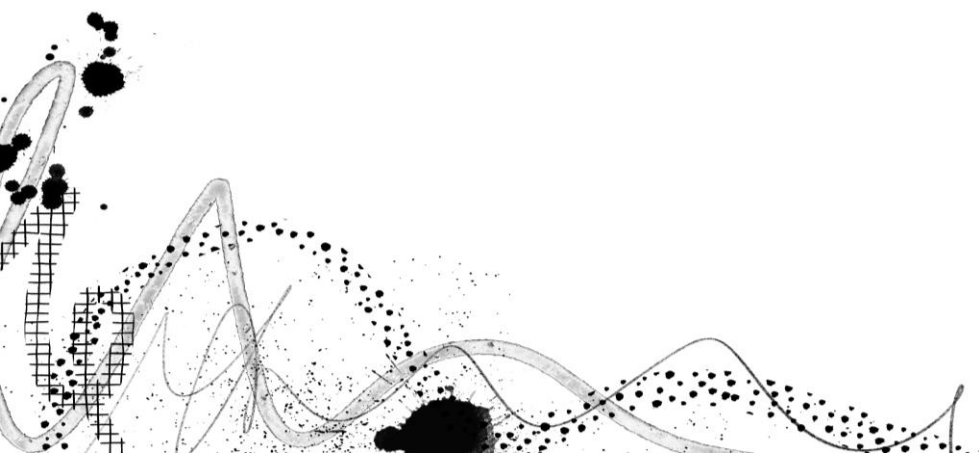
Massachusetts Showcase Speaker

Ronald Waddell
Executive Director
Legendary Legacies, Inc.



Maine Showcase Speaker

Nyamuon Nguany (AKA - Moon) Machar
Youth Advocate, Artist in Residence



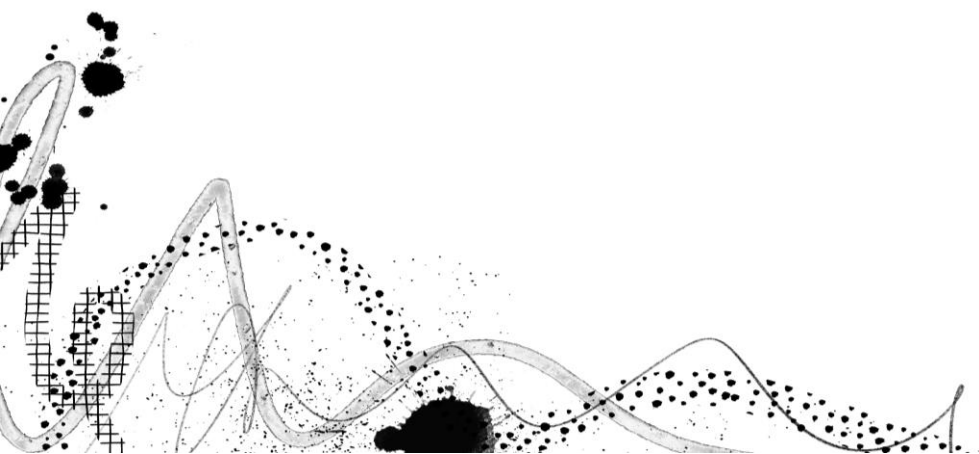
Indigo ARTS
ALLIANCE



Rhode Island Impact Speaker

Machiste Rankin

Community Engagement Coordinator, Chairman of RI
Cares Advocacy Committee, Rhode Island Cares



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We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.



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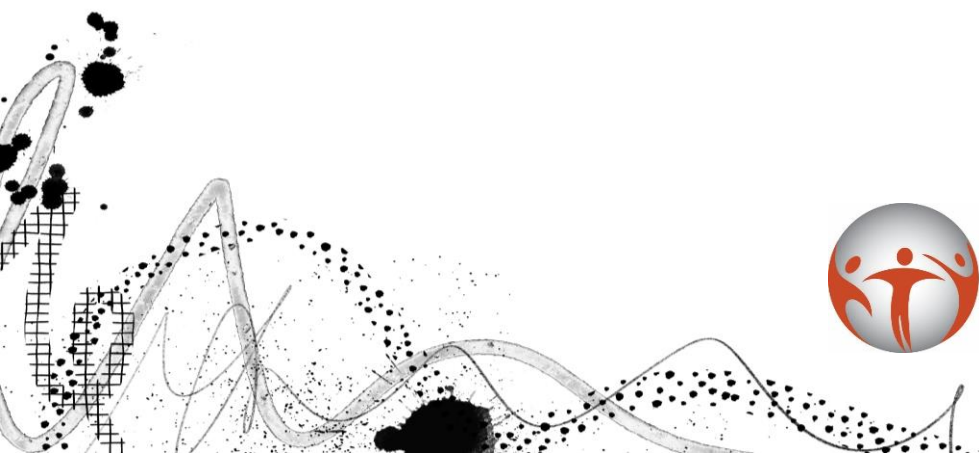
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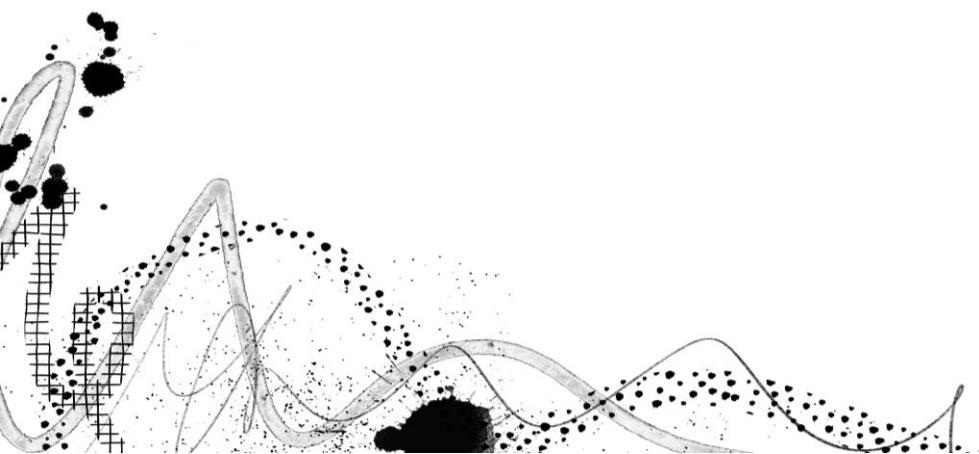


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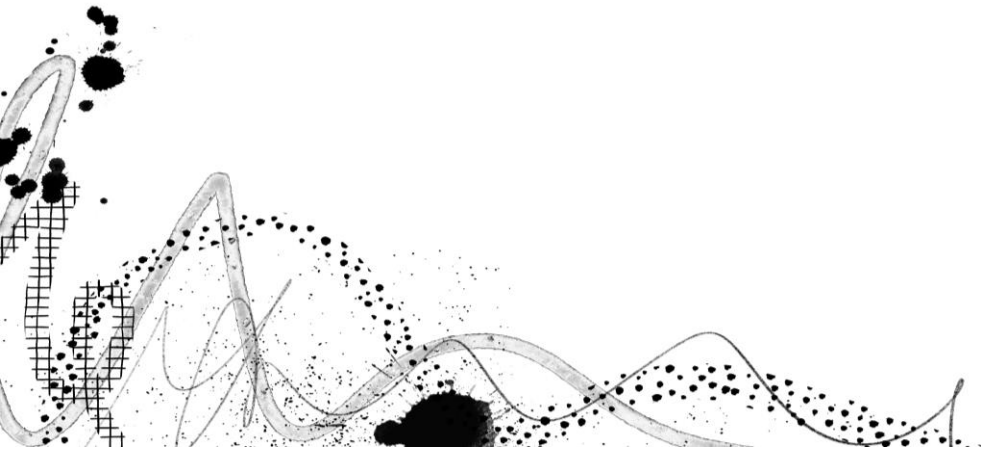
Guest Speaker
Renée Boynton-Jarrett, MD, ScD

Founding Director



Moderator
Mary Roary, PhD

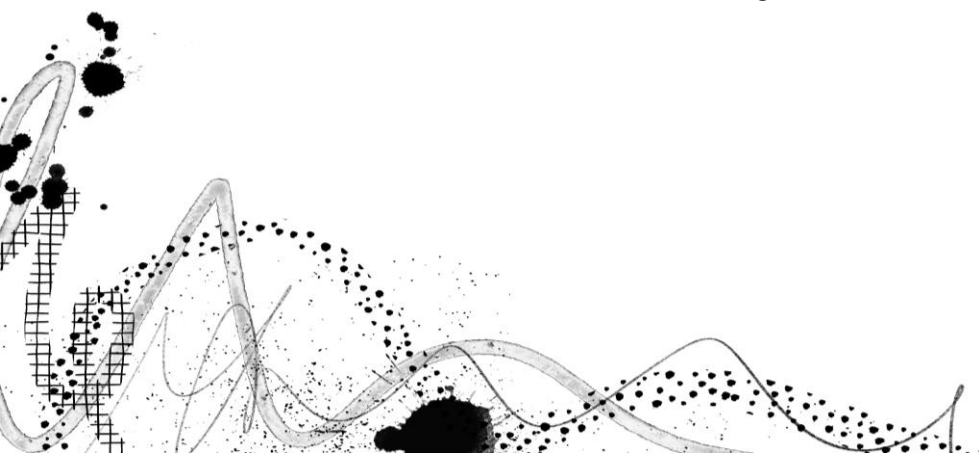
Director, SAMHSA Office of Behavioral Health Equity



Rhode Island Showcase Speaker

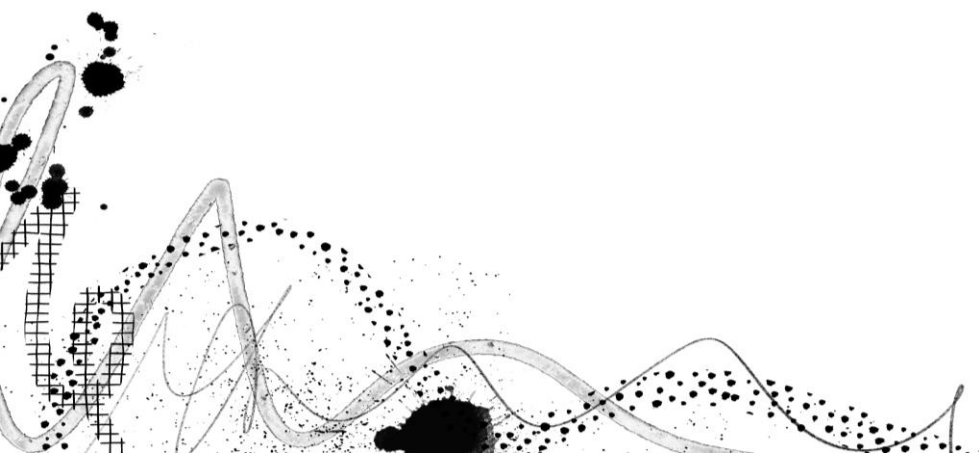
Dennis A. Bailer

Overdose Prevention Program Director
Project Weber/RENEW



Connecticut Showcase Speaker

Janelle Posey-Green, LCSW, CLC
Connecticut BIPOC Mental Health and
Wellness Initiative



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April Naturale, PhD

Assistant Vice President

National Crisis & Wellness Programs

&

Raven Blue

Program Coordinator

Crisis Emotional Care Team Program

V!brant
Emotional Health



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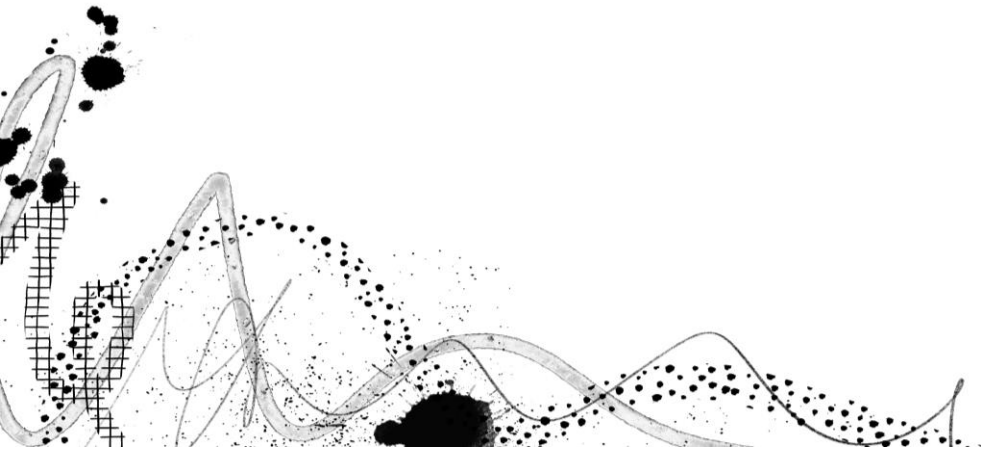
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Connecticut Showcase Speaker

Thalia E. Palacios

Director of Mental and Social Transformation
Life in My Days



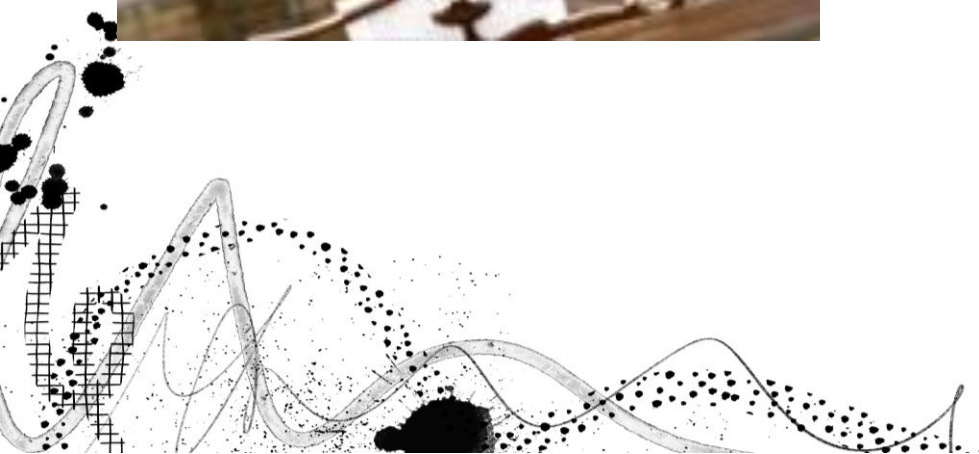


Vermont Showcase Speaker

KeruBo-Ogoti Webster, LCSW
Teaching Artist
[KeruBo Music](#)

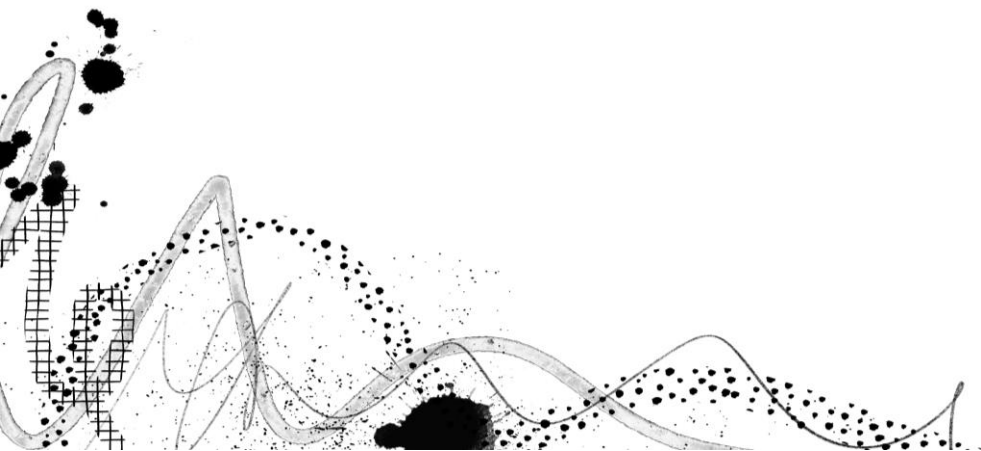
Video Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tivs_o63x04
&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tivs_o63x04&feature=youtu.be)



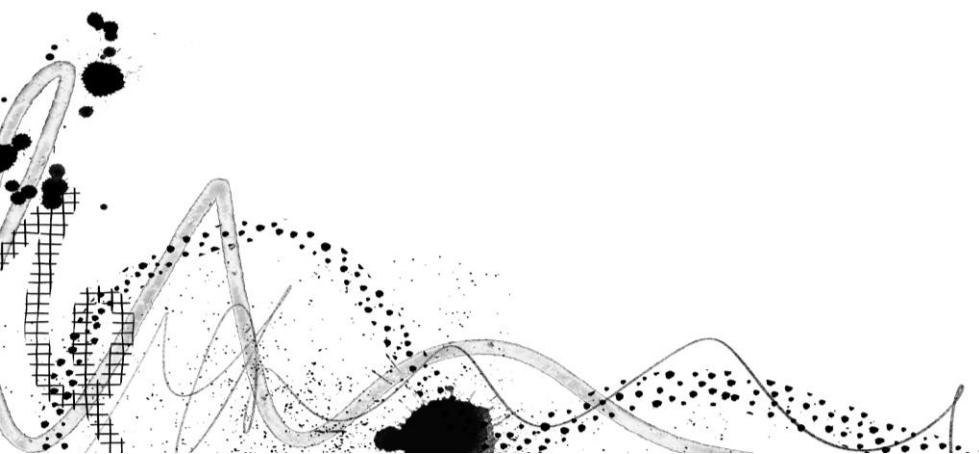
Recruit, Train, and Retain The Importance of BIPOC Health Professionals

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Impact Speaker

Mavis Nimoh, MPA
Executive Director
Center for Health + Justice Transformation



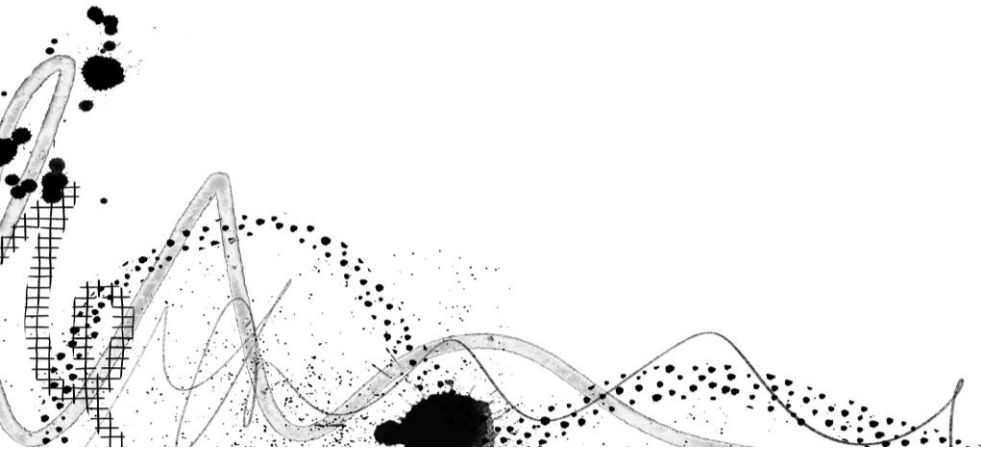
Showcase Artwork: New England BIPOC Artist

Karin Daily

Photographer | Artist

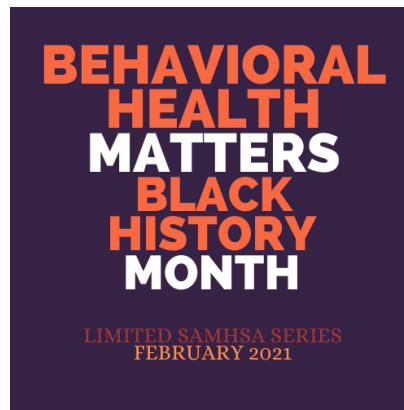
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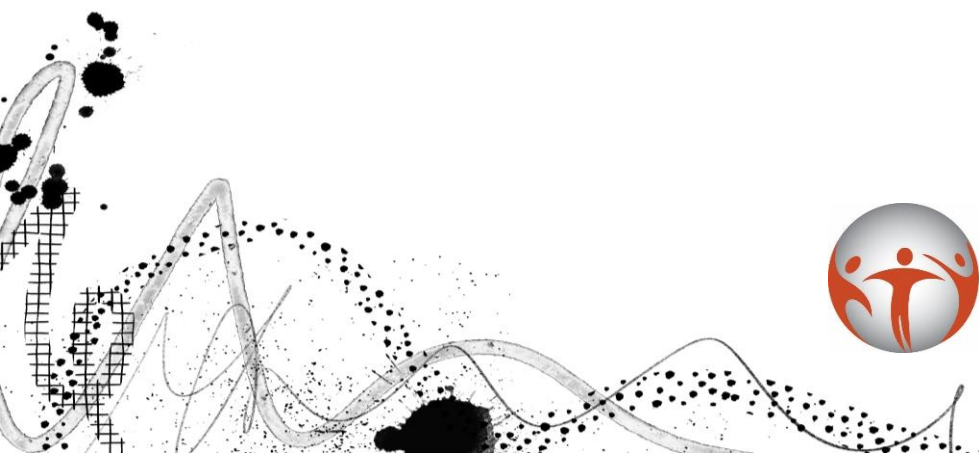


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Thank You

SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

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