



The City of Berkeley Mental Health Division is
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CONFRONTING THE DEVASTATION OF COVID-19 IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY: UTILIZING FAITH BASED APPROACHES

THURSDAY, JUNE, 3, 2020 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

This webinar will discuss the negative impact of the COVID-19 Virus and the intersectionality of historical racism, inequities and disparities, and the role that faith and spirituality play in the lives of African Americans. This will be an interactive webinar that provides participants the opportunity to discuss their prospective related to the COVID-19 Virus; Sheltering in Place Protocols; Mental Wellness; and the role of Faith-Leaders and the Black Church. Objectives - Attendees will be able to:

1. Identify the tools needed to appropriately respond to the urgent needs of African Americans seeking culturally responsive support to manage their mental wellness through the COVID -19 Virus Pandemic and beyond.
2. Describe historical and structural barriers of racism that has resulted in the disproportionate impact of negative consequences on the African American community, as it relates to COVID- 19.
3. Describe best practices to reduce risk factors associated with inequities and disparities in the Black community.
4. Participate in a discussion that acknowledges faith and spiritual practices as key protective factors for most African Americans.

REGISTRATION: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-nQaFNPYQi-e0_vhvsEOAw

PRESENTERS:

PASTOR, HORACIO JONES



Pastor Horacio "Ray" Jones was born on June 13, 1961 in Oceanside, CA and began his tenure in ministry at the age of 21. He is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, San Jose, Ca. and he is currently completing studies toward a Master's of Divinity Degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Ca. Pastor Jones is married to Florence V. Jones (formerly Florence V. White). Together they have five children: four sons, one daughter and a precious grand-daughter. Pastor Jones has the joy and privilege of pastoring Family Bible Fellowship of Newark, CA. Hearing the calling of God from Luke 4:18, Pastor Jones established the Tri Cities Community Development Center to provide services, programs and resources for the least of the least of our society. As the President/CEO he manages reentry services for ex-offenders, mental health training, and advocacy for the African American Community, and other populations.

ELDER, GIGI CROWDER, L.E.



Gigi R. Crowder, L. E. a native of Oakland, CA. is the mother of 2 biological children; 28 years old twin boys and has served as a foster mom and mentor to many more through divine interventions. Gigi served for over 9 years as the Ethnic Services Manager for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services and has worked in the Behavioral Health Care field for more than 26 years after completing her studies at the University of California, Berkeley. As a family member of several loved ones who have received private and public mental health services, she is a strong advocate for promoting culturally responsive behavioral health services for all consumers and family members.

MINISTER, MONIQUE TARVER



Minster Monique Tarver is a master level trainer, curriculum designer, and member of the Mental Health Friendly Communities Training Team. Minister Tarver earned her M.S. in Counseling Psychology, with a focus on marriage and family therapy at California State University, East Bay and is currently a Marriage and Family Therapist Trainee at Agape Counseling Center and Network in Fairfield, CA. Minister Tarver uses her unique position as peer, family member, clergy, and mental health clinician to advocate for the collaboration of each community she represents to allow for a culturally responsive, integrative approach to mental wellness support and anti-stigma education. When she is not working, Minister Tarver enjoys spending time with the love of her life for over twenty-one years, her husband Troy and their three children; Elijah, Joshua, and Imani.

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