



# Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Black Community

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## DETAILS & LOGISTICS

**Time:** 12:00pm—1:00pm EDT  
**Where:** Virtual (*Adobe Connect webinar*)

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Autism has gained increased awareness especially in people of color, but is still underrecognized. Effective treatment approaches have improved outcomes and quality of life for many but a multiplicity of factors reduce availability of care. This webinar will discuss common characteristics of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder. It will also review helping them with social interaction and communication challenges.

## OBJECTIVES

- Describe the presentation of autism spectrum disorder
- Detail the many ways that autism can present in adults
- Describe how to help individuals with autism spectrum disorder interact with the general society
- Identify skills required to develop communication linkages

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Mental health professionals, behavioral health professionals, general public, educational professionals, speech therapists

## SPEAKER:



**William B. Lawson, M.D., Ph.D., D.L.F.A.P.A.** is Founder and Director of the Institute to Reduce Disparities LLC, Director of Psychiatric Research for the Emerson Clinical Research Institute and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland

School of Medicine. He is emeritus professor of psychiatry, at the Dell Medical School, University of Texas, Austin, and emeritus professor and formerly chair of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Howard University School of Medicine. He received a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire and M.D. from the Pritzker School of Medicine University of Chicago, did his residency at Stanford University and a fellowship at the National Institute of Mental Health. He has held faculty positions at the University of Illinois, Urbana, University of California, Irvine, Vanderbilt University, University of Arkansas, and Howard University. He has held numerous senior positions and received national recognition including past President of the DC Chapter of Mental Health America, Past President of the Washington Psychiatric Society, past Chair of the Section of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences of the National Medical Association, and past president of the Black Psychiatrists of America. He has received several honors, including the American Psychiatric Foundation Award for Advancing Minority Mental Health, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness Exemplary Psychiatrist Award. He has over 200 publications, and is the former editor in chief of the Journal of the National Medical Association.



**HOST: Annelle Primm, M.D., MPH** is the Senior Medical Director of the Steve Fund, an organization focused on the mental health of young people of color. She is also a member of the Black Psychiatrists of America Council of Elders.

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