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# EQUITY-CENTERED MTSS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH

Northwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Center and the UW SMART Center are pleased to present the 2023 Virtual Speaker Series to the school mental health workforce. The three-session series features national leaders discussing the importance of implementing MTSS with an equity focus. Through this series, we are spotlighting evidenced-based strategies for developing equitable learning environments for all students.

**All SESSIONS 11am-12:30pm PST, 10am-11:30am AKST, 12pm-1:30pm MST**  
*Certificates of completion and Washington State clock hours available for attendees of the live sessions.*



## SESSION 1 | MARCH 20

### Transformative Systems through Equity - What are your powers?

#### OBJECTIVES

- Participants will identify the ways MTSS, as a framework for systems change, can be leveraged from a human-centered approach.

**Dr. Nikole Y. Hollins-Sims**  
 Technical Assistance  
 Coordinator  
 Midwest PBIS Network

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## SESSION 2 | APRIL 17

### Doing the work! Ensuring Equity and Cultural Responsiveness in Urban Implementation within the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Framework

#### OBJECTIVES

- Explain the importance of educating the educator on student mental health.
- Discuss the importance of disaggregating data for disparity.
- State the importance of involving stakeholders in making decisions to action plan.

**Tynara Blount, M.S.**  
 Director of Culturally Responsive Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)  
 The School District of Philadelphia

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## SESSION 3 | MAY 22

### The Climate of Educator Bias-based Beliefs Effect on MTSS Implementation

#### OBJECTIVES

- Understand bias-based beliefs present in educational practice.
- Understand ways to interrupt bias-based beliefs.
- Understand ways to improve MTSS implementation through interruption of bias-based beliefs.

**Dr. Eddie Fergus**  
 Professor of Urban Education  
 School of Arts and Sciences  
 at Rutgers University  
 Newark, New Jersey

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