

Navigating the Complex World of Autism Spectrum Disorder for Children and Adolescents of Color

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Zoom Log On: 8:50am

Program: 9:00am – 1:15pm

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Program Description: Learning that your child has autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can have a profound impact on parents, caregivers, and other family members. In this highly personal narrative, the presenter, a mother of a child with autism and a licensed clinical social worker, describes her own journey of adjustment to the reality of her child's autism. Learning to navigate complex service systems and learning how to be a strong advocate are necessary skills needed to ensure that their child receives seamless, timely, and quality services.

Target Audience

Health and human service professionals, mental health professionals and school personnel

Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

1. List at least two myths of a stereotypical clinical presentation of autism and ADHD.
2. Describe at least one possible cultural difference and experience faced by African American children with ASD and their families.
3. Identify at least two strategies for supporting children of color who have autism and their families.

Speaker

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Upcoming Programs!

3.17.26 Pediatric Health Emergencies Encountered in the Community Setting

4.09.26 Navigating the Journey of Pediatric Diabetes: Leveraging Technology for Glycemic Control

4.17.26 Supporting Families Affected by Addiction

4.20.26 New for 2026: Evidence-Based Treatment for Tobacco and E-Cigarette Use

5.05.26 Life in a Wheelchair: What Healthcare Providers Should Know: A Personal, Practical and Professional Perspective

5.06.26 Advanced Training in Trauma Practice: Case of Jamal



Agenda

8:50am	Zoom Log On
9:00	Introduction/Background
9:15	Impact of Disability
10:30	Break
10:45	The Importance of Early Diagnosis
12:00pm	Working with Healthcare Professionals
12:45	Strategies and Support
1:00	Q&A, Wrap Up
1:15pm	Adjourn

Credit

Wake AHEC will provide 0.4 CEU to participants upon completion of this activity.

A participant must attend 100% of the program to receive credit. Partial credit will not be awarded.

Wake AHEC will provide up to 4.0 Contact Hours to participants.

Registration Fee

Healthcare Professionals \$40, Community Members \$20 (no professional credit). Vouchers will be accepted.

- Fee will include online handouts, evaluation and certificate of completion.
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- Attendance at this activity grants permission for Wake AHEC to use any photographs, audio, video, or other images from this activity for promotional or educational purposes. Please notify an AHEC staff member if you have concerns.

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Questions? Contact Kimberly Spencer at kispencer@wakeahec.org or 919-350-0480.

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