Meetings are free and open to all families and providers that support Black children with disabilities. No need to RSVP.

This group is cosponsored by the Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center’s Clinical Translational Core at the MIND Institute.

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Join a network of parents, caregivers, and providers of Black neurodivergent and physically disabled children*. Our mission is to hold space and provide culturally sensitive information for families and providers, and to increase advocacy and decrease disparities for Black children.

Virtual Meeting Dates:

**2023**
- September 27
- October 25
- November 8
- December 13

**2024**
- January 24
- February 28
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 19

All meetings are held on Wednesdays once a month from 6 - 8 p.m. PST via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://ucdavishealth.zoom.us/j/926742042?pwd=ZFdHUlQ4cWxnbUkxdUQTdkWEhEUT09

Meeting ID: 926 742 042
Passcode: Sankofa
Dial In: +1 669 900 6833

*In recognition and support of our disabled self-advocacy community Sankofa has chosen to use disability-first language.
September 27, 2023

"Navigating Autism Evaluations: Ensuring Equity for Black Children & Addressing Disparities: Challenges in Accessing Autism Diagnosis and Services for Black Children"

October 25, 2023

"Addressing Systemic Racism and Ableism in Education: A Call to Action"

November 8, 2023

"Prioritizing Mental Health in the Black Community: Breaking the Stigma & Building Resilience to Find Support and Healing"

December 13, 2023

"Teaching Self-Defense and Bully Prevention: Empowering Black Autistic and Developmentally Different Individuals to Anticipate and Prevent Bulling" + Holiday Party; In-Person at the GIFTS Foundation

January 24, 2024

"Understanding Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA): A Guide for the Black Community"

February 28, 2024

"Representation Matters: Black Self-Advocates and Presenters with Disabilities"

March 27, 2024

"NDBIs: Naturalistic Developmental Behavioral Interventions for Supporting Black Autistic Individuals"

April 24, 2024

"Disaster Preparedness: Safeguarding Black Families"

May 22, 2024

"Empowering Black Families: Navigating the Education System and School Advocacy: Ensuring Equitable Education for Black Students with Autism"

June 19, 2024

"From Junior High to College: Navigating the Autism Transition Journey for Black Students" In-Person Graduation/Promotion Ceremony; Awards Ceremony; JUNETEENTH Celebration!! (food and childcare included)
UC Davis MIND Institute Auditorium, 2825 50th St., Sacramento 95817