

# Title IV-E Collaborative Presents Engaging Children and Youth of Color through the Lens of the Trans-Cultural Engagement Model

*Michael Burrell*

*Michael Burrell is currently the Program Manager for the Differential Response Program in San Mateo County at Unity Care Group. Michael has worked in education and has been a community leader for 16 years. He has worked within and in support of local school districts along with faith-based and community organizations. Michael received his bachelor's degree from the University of San Francisco on Organizational Behavior and Leadership. Michael has a passion for working with Children and Families and believes that at one point or another, we all need a helping hand.*

Thursday, January 24, 2019

9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Registration 9:00 AM

West Valley College Campbell Center  
One West Campbell Avenue, Campbell, CA  
Room J 69

Being able to engage children and youth early on in the therapeutic relationship is paramount for the improvement of their behaviors and the achievement of the identified goals. This is especially true for children and youth of color. Adolescents typically refuse to engage if they feel that the staff is not understanding and validating who they are as unique individuals. Without the proper engagement tools, the risk of pushing these youth away is high, with the possibility to alienate them even further away. The importance of cultural sensitivity is one of many considerations that need to be addressed in the engagement process of youth of color. This training will focus on the following topics:

- Meeting the youth where they are
- The integration of the youths culture into the therapeutic alliance
- The identification of tools and techniques to engage youth and youth of color in particular

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

This course qualifies for 3 hours of continuing education. Continuing education (CE) hours are available to maintain the following licenses with the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS): Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors.

West Valley College is an accredited post-secondary institution and is recognized by the BBS as an approved continuing education provider. The college is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of schools and colleges

### Eligible County Employees



For questions contact Staff Development & Training at  
[Rianna.Garcia01@ssa.sccgov.org](mailto:Rianna.Garcia01@ssa.sccgov.org)

*\*Must obtain Supervisor approval prior to registering\**

### Eligible Non-County Employees

Register on-line here:

For any questions please email us here:

[t4e.collaborative@gmail.com](mailto:t4e.collaborative@gmail.com)