

## 2021 Autism CARES Grantee Meeting Agenda

*Committing to Health Equity Across the Lifespan*

### 2:00pm **Welcome**

*Jackie Czyzia, MPH* | Senior Program Manager, MCH Technical Assistance, AUCD  
*Paige Bussanich, MS* | Senior Program Manager, AMCHP  
*Hae Young Park* | Deputy Director, Division of MCH Workforce Development, MCHB, HRSA

### 2:15pm **CARES Evaluation Update**

### 2:30pm **Why Language Matters: A Panel Discussion on Equity and Intersectionality**

*Tawara Goode, PhD* | Director, National Center for Cultural Competence, Georgetown University

#### Panelists

*Lydia X. Z. Brown, JD* | Disability Justice Advocate and Attorney  
*Judith Heumann, MPH* | Disability Rights Advocate and Author  
*Brian Boyd, PhD* | Director, Juniper Gardens Children's Project, Kansas University  
*Sara M. Acevedo, PhD* | Assistant Professor of Disability Studies, Miami University

### 3:20pm **Roundtable Discussions: Session 1**

- Impact of Language
- Promoting and Supporting Self Advocacy
- Promoting Diversity in Leadership Training
- Sustaining Meaningful Family-Professional Partnerships
- Establishing Strategic Partnerships
- Bridging Health Equity to Practice
- Policy Education
- Data, Research, and Evaluation
- Health Care Transition
- Screening, Assessment, and Referral

### 3:45pm **Break**

### 3:50pm **Grantee Spotlight**

*Maria Mercedes Avila, PhD* | Program Director, Vermont Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities  
*Gail Chodron, PhD* | Project Director, Wisconsin Care Integration Initiative  
*Hector Portillo* | Executive Director, Padres e Hijos en Acción  
*Alice Kuo, MD* | Project Investigator, Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health

### 4:25pm **Roundtable Discussions: Session 2**

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**4:55pm**      **Closing and Evaluation**