

Comunidad y conversación sobre el autismo
Community and Conversation about Autism

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English interpretation available for this session

Session Description:

Esta sesión estará dirigida a familias y proveedores hispano hablante. Juntos, avanzaremos mediante el establecimiento de redes de contacto, valorando nuestra comunidad culturalmente diversa y compartiendo recursos. Abriremos un espacio de diálogo para que los participantes compartan sus experiencias personales, perspectivas culturales y desafíos relacionados con el autismo. Compartiremos los recursos disponibles para la comunidad. ¡Esta presentación será en español!

This session will be for Spanish-speaking families and providers. Together, we will rise through networking, embracing our culturally diverse community, and sharing resources. We will open dialogue for participants to share personal experiences, cultural perspectives, and challenges related to autism. We will share resources available to the community. This presentation will be in Spanish!

Learning Objectives:

1. Compartir con nuestra comunidad de familias y proveedores de habla hispana
 2. Valorar nuestra diversidad cultural y lingüística para promover la defensa de los derechos dentro de nuestra comunidad
 3. Proveer información y acceso a los recursos del CDD sobre el autismo
 4. Conversar sobre cómo mejorar la participación de la comunidad de habla hispana
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1. Network with our community of Spanish-speaking families and providers
 2. Appreciate cultural and linguistic diversity to promote advocacy within our community
 3. Provide information and access to CDD resources about autism
 4. Conversation on how to improve engagement with Spanish-speaking community

Sylvia J. Acosta, PhD is a licensed psychologist and Professor at the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability (CDD). She is bilingual in English and Spanish and is a native New Mexican. She has provided bilingual clinical services on autism in New Mexico for the past 15 years. Dr. Acosta is the manager of the CDD's Parent Home Training and Project ImPACT programs and is a certified Project ImPACT provider. She has experience supporting parents and caregivers of children with autism and other developmental disabilities and/or mental health conditions. She is dedicated to supporting the Spanish-speaking autism community.

Roselyn Cintrón Diaz was born and raised in Puerto Rico. Her early experiences with disability within her family shaped her lifelong passion for community service and inclusivity. Roselyn earned her Bachelor's degree in Community Health Education and her Master's degree in Public Health Evaluation and Education from the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist with over a decade of experience across diverse settings, including non-profit organizations, insurance, and healthcare management.

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