



"The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), Lexington Kentucky, is located on the original homeland of diverse Native peoples who arrived over 10,000 years ago. The most recent among them were the Shawnee. Today, Kentucky is still home to over 25,000 Native people representing scores of tribal groups. CHET recognizes the injustices Native peoples have endured. Through this statement, we hope to begin the long process of healing."

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CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

Behavioral Science Launches White Coats for Black Lives Fellowship

Two College of Medicine Students were recently awarded White Coats for Black Lives Fellowships through the Department of Behavioral Science. The program was developed by former Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and CHET Core Faculty Chair, Dr. Anita Fernander. One of the fellows, Thailandria Daniels, will be mentored by CHET Primary Faculty member Dr. Laurie McLouth.

"The fellowships...were developed to enhance medical students' understanding of health disparities, political and social inequalities, and health care inequities experienced by Black Americans."

You can read more about the program and the inaugural fellows [here](#)

World Breastfeeding Week and National Breastfeeding Month

August 1 - 7 marks [World Breastfeeding Week](#), and August 1-30 is National Breastfeeding Month in the United States. [Among infants born in the U.S. in 2015](#), 58% were breastfeeding at 3 months compared to 72.7% of White infants.



[Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere](#)

[\(ROSE\) Inc.](#) was founded to address breastfeeding disparities for communities of color. ROSE works to normalize breastfeeding by providing resources and networking opportunities for individuals and communities. They seek to enhance, encourage, support, promote, and protect breastfeeding throughout the USA, by working to reduce the breastfeeding disparities among African American women, and to strengthen the health of their babies and families through, mentoring, training, breastfeeding support groups, social support, outreach, education, legislation, health policies, and social marketing.

You can read more about ROSE's programming [here](#).

The Black Side of Autism

August 25, 2021

2:00-3:00pm

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqd-qsqD8iG9Y2zSFb9ux7fZ6O5I_E_p6

Join the State Public Health Autism Resource Center (SPHARC) for this important workshop, led by Davis-Pierre, LMHC, President and CEO of Autism in Black Inc (<https://www.autisminblack.org/>), that will look at Autism from a cultural perspective and consider the stigma within black community. This workshop will highlight the importance of cultural awareness when working with Black families of disabled children. Beginning with a detailed analysis and explanation of culture broadly, the presenter will lead the conversation toward helping attendees understand their cultural development and biases.

LIVE WORKSHOP

The Black Side of Autism



**Maria Davis-Pierre,
LMHC**

President & CEO
Autism in Black

When: Wednesday, August 25
2:00-3:00 pm EDT

Where: Virtual via Zoom

**Who
should
attend:**

Title V MCH & CYSHCN leaders, autistic individuals and their families, students and peer mentors, public health professionals, and others wanting to learn more about supporting and accepting autistic individuals

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER:
[BIT.LY/SPHARC_AUGWEBINAR](https://bit.ly/SPHARC_AUGWEBINAR)



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CHET Social Media Accounts

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UKYCHET>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/CHET_UKY

We frequently post information about important health equity topics, upcoming events, and the outstanding work of our many CHET scholars.

If you have anything you would like us to promote on our social media pages, please reach out to us at chet@uky.edu.

Collaboration Column

This weekly column provides space for any of our CHET affiliates to seek out involvement of others. We request that contributions be no more than 3 sentences and include contact information.

If considered appropriate, contributions sent to chet@uky.edu by Thursday will be included in CHET's Friday digest. Contributions will be run twice, unless requested otherwise.

For more information, please contact the Communication Subcommittee via chet@uky.edu

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