

**FAU Center for Autism and
Related Disabilities**

Culture Matters: Strategies for Identifying and Serving Diverse Children with ASD and their Families

Presented by: Cynthia L. Wilson, Ph.D.

Hosted by: FAU CARD

About the Presenter

Cynthia L. Wilson, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Exceptional Student Education at Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Wilson specializes in teacher education, cultural and linguistic diversity issues in special education, and the development of collaborative partnerships with PK schools. She is the principal investigator of Project I2: Intensive Intervention for Students with ASD Who Have Persistent and Severe Needs, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. She is author/co-author of more than 40 publications and has presented at numerous conferences. Her publications include *Leadership from the Ground Up: Effective Schooling in Traditionally Low Performing Schools* (Information Age Publishing), *Special Education and the Linguistically Diverse Student* (Fundamentals of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages in K-12 Mainstream Classrooms), and *Overcoming Obstacles: African American Students with Disabilities Achieving Academic Success* (Journal of Negro Education). Dr. Wilson has been the recipient of the FAU Faculty Mentor of the Year Award, Broward Faculty of the Year Award, and both the University and College of Education Award for Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching.

Training Description

During this session, participants will learn strategies for identifying and serving diverse children with ASD and their families.

Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Recognize cultural factors that interfere with identifying and serving diverse children with ASD and their families.
- Explore strategies for identifying children from diverse backgrounds who demonstrate symptoms associated with ASD.
- Define the concept of cultural competence.
- Discuss the role of collaboration in fostering cultural sensitivity of teachers.
- Identify strategies for designing a culturally responsive classroom.

Date:

October 4, 2018
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location:

FAU Jupiter MacArthur Campus
Osher LifeLong Learning Center
5353 Parkside Drive
Jupiter, FL 33458

Registration Deadline:

October 3, 2018
Limited to first 150 participants

Register Online:

<http://doepartnership.fmhi.usf.edu/trainings.html>

Registration is mandatory.

For more information contact:

CARD@fau.edu
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Directions:

For directions, click [HERE](#).

Parking:

All participants will be required to purchase a visitor parking pass online prior to attending the event:
<http://fau.edu/parking/permits.php>

Credits:

6 Social Work, Mental Health, M&F
CEUs will be available
(\$90 pre-registration, \$120 on-site)

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