



**Healing and Hope: Addressing Mental Illness and Trauma in Homelessness and Incarcerated African American Adolescents**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The positive correlation between mental illness, and adolescents who are justice-involved is a topic that has received increased attention in recent years (Barker et al., 2024). Added to this, is a growing population of adolescents who are experiencing homelessness and who become incarcerated. Concerningly, many of these adolescents are disproportionately African American. Directed through the lens of a correctional psychologist, this training will encourage participants to engage in a discussion regarding why African American adolescents are involved in the justice system, identifying why these adolescents are experiencing homelessness, the prevalence of mental illness while they are incarcerated, as well as intervention techniques that are aimed at this specific population.



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**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Community-Based Organizations and ACBH contracted Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Provider staff.

**MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- The learner will be able to list two types of mental illness that are African American adolescents who are incarcerated
- The learner will be able to identify two references in current literature related to African American adolescents who are justice involved
- The learner will be able to explain two current risks related to adolescents who are experiencing homelessness
- The learner will be able to identify three intervention strategies learned from this training

**ABOUT THE PRESENTER**

**Darius Campinha-Bacote, PsyD, HSP** - is a licensed clinical psychologist at the Dallas County Juvenile Detention Center, where he is a functional family therapist and program supervisor for the Functional Family Therapy program. In this role, he works with youth and their families who come from underprivileged backgrounds. Dr. Darius Campinha-Bacote, received his BA in Psychology, double minoring in Social Work and Women's Studies from the University of Dayton, and both his master's and doctorate from Wright State University School of Professional Psychology (SOPP). He is credentialed as a Health Service Psychologist (HSP), as well as a certified trauma therapist in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). Dr. Darius Campinha-Bacote has served as the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Coordinator for a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant in which he partnered with youth and adults to coordinate culturally competent policies designed to ensure culturally specific interventions for transitional-aged youth from diverse ethnic and cultural background.

**FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

**9:00AM - 1:30PM**

**3.5 HOURS CE CREDIT**

(One 10-min break & 30-min lunch will not be counted toward CE time awarded)

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