

STUDENTS DOWN THE PIPELINE: WHO GETS PUNISHED?

THE OPERATION OF IMPLICIT BIAS AND STIGMA IN THE DISPARATE TREATMENT OF STUDENTS OF COLOR WITH EMOTIONAL / BEHAVIORAL ISSUES AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

Friday May 13th, 2016, 8:45 AM – 5:00 PM

MCLE - LIVE
10 Winter Place
Boston, MA 02108

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100 Congress Street
Springfield, MA 01104

Some students that may be referred to as “emotionally disturbed” receive caring assistance; others are punished for behavior that stems from their disabilities. The difference is often controlled by the student’s race. The persons in charge of choosing between helping and punishing, whether white or of color themselves, will in most cases have no awareness that the student’s race or ethnicity influences the kind or unkind response they deliver.

Students manifesting emotional and behavioral problems, most often emerging from serious trauma in their young lives, need to be treated with sensitivity and respect. But data shows they often get just the opposite. Students with disabilities are disproportionately excluded from school, and students with emotional challenges are disproportionately among this group. This is particularly true when these children are of color.

This training seminar will consider the link between this data and theories of cognitive or implicit racial bias and how such bias interacts with the stigma that afflicts persons with mental health issues. We will explore what educational and mental health advocates and educators can do to defend and protect students as well as promote reform.

CREDIT: This program has been approved by the CPCS for eight (8) CAFL, four (4) MHL, four (4) YAD, and four (4) Criminal credits. Additional approvals for credit is posted on our website. http://www.mhlac.org/Upcoming_Training.htm

PAYMENT: \$135.00 if registered by **April 29, 2016**. Light breakfast, boxed lunch, and written materials included. An additional \$25 will be charged for registrations received after the April 29th deadline.

TO REGISTER: Complete and mail the Registration Form by **April 29th 2016** with a check for \$135 (**payable to MHLAC**) to: MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ADVISORS COMMITTEE, Conference Registration, 24 School Street, Suite 804, Boston, MA 02108. Registration confirmations will be sent via email. If you register at the door, please have a check or cash with you for full payment (\$160). No credit cards accepted at this time.

DIRECTIONS To: MCLE, 10 Winter Place, Boston

Public transportation is strongly recommended. MCLE is conveniently located down the street from the Park Street Station stop on the Red and Green Lines or Downtown Crossing stop on the Orange Line of the MBTA. Commuter Rail lines from the west and south and buses also arrive into South Station, which is an easy walk to MCLE. For driving directions, consult GPS or the internet. There is no parking available at MCLE; however parking nearby is available (though expensive) at various garages either on or adjacent to Washington Street. **See hotel website <http://www.laquintaspringfield.com/en/map-directions.html> for directions to Simulcast location in Springfield.**

WORKING LUNCH: Deborah Fowler from Texas Applesseed will discuss their strategies and successes for addressing the negative school practices towards students of color/ with disabilities.

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Do you have an Accessibility Request? Please contact Gisela Valdez directly at (617) 338-2345 x131 or gvaldez@mhlac.org

FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION: Contact Ellie Sarcia at (617) 338-2345 x121 or esarcia@mhlac.org. You can also visit the event page at http://www.mhlac.org/Upcoming_Training.htm

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Name _____ Attorney BBO # _____

Email address (required) _____ Other profession? _____

Company _____ Attending for credits? CPCS

Address _____ MMCEP

Phone _____ First time attendee?

Fax _____

- Check included for: \$135 Registrants attending for credit
- \$160 Late Registrants (received by MHLAC after 04/29/16)
- \$ 60 Reduced rate for Legal Services/Social Services staff
Please indicate name of organization _____

Please mail this form together with your check (make payable to MHLAC). Thank you.