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## **FOSTER CARE: Creating Equity for Children Impacted by Trauma**

**Presented by  
Zaid Gayle, Executive Director  
Peace4kids**

In honor of National Foster Care Month, Zaid will be sharing excerpts from his equity in the classroom training. Educators are tasked with the challenging responsibility of meeting the needs of a diverse group of learners. When these individual differences are combined with adverse childhood experiences, the classroom and the curriculum can feel unsafe and confusing for students. Trauma in childhood is common; every child likely experiences family, societal, and community events that negatively impact the lens through which they see the world. For the percentage of youth who experience highly intense or numerous experiences of trauma in childhood, research demonstrates that the impact of these events inhibit social and emotional function and contribute to a cascading effect of educational difficulties. Creating environments that are culturally responsive to childhood trauma experiences provides a safe space within which all students can achieve educational success. This is particularly essential for children who grow up in foster care and for whom few available services truly understand the trauma they have endured.

In this presentation, we will explore (1) the cognitive impact of trauma on children in foster care; (2) emerging community-based research on the perceptions of foster youth; (3) insights on the unique cultural assets and strengths that youth in foster care possess; and (4) establishing effective boundaries and communication strategies to manage developmental risks and vulnerability of all students.

**Sunday, May 19, 2019  
9:30am – 12:00pm  
Vista Del Mar - Child & Family Services**

*Zaid Gayle serves as the Executive Director of Peace4Kids. Zaid oversees an ambitious organizational growth plan, with the intended impact of helping youth impacted by foster care and trauma transition successfully into adulthood. Having been involved in community leadership and program development for over 25 years, Zaid co-founded Peace4Kids to promote resilience, healing and community among youth in South Los Angeles. During his twenty years with Peace4Kids, he has served as a volunteer, researcher, advocate, trainer, mentor, board member, and teacher. He has traveled nationally and abroad to share the pedagogy of the Peace4Kids way to engage stakeholders in an awareness of the strengths youth in foster care possess.*

## **REGISTRATION**

This event is free, however, you must register. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## **CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE**

Certificates of Attendance are available for this event and are free for ACDS members and \$5 for non-members. This fee is payable via [VENMO](#) to @ACDS-LA.

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS to Vista Del Mar:**

Vista Del Mar is located at 3200 Motor Avenue. It is bounded by the 10 (Santa Monica) Freeway and Manning Avenue and close to National Boulevard. It is in the Cheviot Hills area of Century City.

### **COMING FROM THE EAST:**

Take the 10 (Santa Monica) freeway to the National Boulevard off ramp. Proceed straight ahead up Manning Avenue. Turn left on Motor Avenue and go approximately one-half block to the entrance of Vista Del Mar on the east (left) side of Motor.

### **COMING FROM THE SOUTH OR NORTH:**

Take the 405 (San Diego) freeway to the 10 East (Santa Monica) freeway. Exit the first off ramp, which is Overland/National, and turn left onto National and left again, where the street makes a left turn. Continue straight one block to Motor and turn left. Go approximately 100 yards to the Vista Del Mar entrance on right (east) side of Motor.

**NOTE: WHEN GOING EAST ON NATIONAL TO MOTOR, IT IS ILLEGAL TO TURN LEFT (NORTH) ONTO MOTOR AVENUE DURING THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Rather, go one block past Motor to Vinton Street, turn right and go one block to Woodbine and turn right. Go one block to Motor and turn right again. Proceed north past National and look for Vista Del Mar entrance on the right (east) side of Motor.**

**WHEN GOING WEST ON NATIONAL TO MOTOR AVENUE, IT IS ILLEGAL TO TURN RIGHT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Rather, where National & Manning Avenues meet – go west onto Manning Avenue to Motor Avenue. Turn left (south) onto Motor Avenue and proceed approximately one-half block to the Vista Del Mar entrance on the left (east) side of Motor & turn left.**

### **ONCE ON CAMPUS:**

After you enter and pass the guard booth, you will come to a stop sign. At that stop sign, turn left and continue up that driveway to the end where there will be a parking lot. We will be meeting in the SHUKEN Building.