IN-PERSON EVENT

CENTERING BLACK EXCELLENCE 2026 SYMPOSIUM

Community Conversations for Improving Outcomes for Children of Color

DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2026

NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE

Join us for two days of connection, reflection, and practical action. Centering Black experiences, expertise, and community wisdom, this symposium brings together people working alongside children and families to strengthen equitable and inclusive early childhood practices.

DAY ONE

Understanding the Challenges & Elevating Community Wisdom

With a focus on disability justice, explore how race, disability, and access shape children's and families' experiences, and how community wisdom can guide more responsive support.

Panelists to be announced soon!

DAY TWO

Turning Community Wisdom into Action: Strengthening Practices, Partnerships, and Systems for Children of Color

Explore community-informed solutions, strengthen partnerships, and identify practical next steps and collective commitments.

Panelists to be announced soon!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Interactive morning panels with audience dialogue and Q&A.
- Two afternoon Community Conversations of your choice each day.
- Wellness practices, shared reflection, and networking.
- Practical ideas to bring into your work with children and families.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Early childhood educators, family support providers, mental health consultants, community leaders, and others supporting young children and families.

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THE DETAILS

DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2026

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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