

Act Early State Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Welcome

Today's Schedule

10:00 am	Welcome & Introductions
10:10 am	Governor's Autism Council Updates
10:25 am	Breakout Discussions
11:00 am	Break
11:15 am	Sankofa History, Background & New Midwest Chapter
11:50 am	Wrap-up
12:00 pm	Adjourn

Meeting Objectives

- Share updates on the Governor's Autism Council
- Share and support efforts to improve families' transition from diagnosis/identification to treatment
- Identify ways to collaborate to improve the family experience across different communities
- Learn about a community-led effort to support families and connect them with services

Introductions

Governor's Autism Council Updates

Breakout Group Discussions

Choose your own Breakout Group

- **Family Supports:** Helping families access services and supports (including community- and family-led change efforts)
- **Service Provision:** Providing services and/or education/professional development for service providers



Discussion Questions (both groups)

- In what way does your work intersect with the transition from diagnosis/identification to treatment?
- In what areas of your work you would like input or feedback from the group?
- In what ways are you seeking collaboration in your work?
- How do you partner with autistic individuals and/or family members?
- What is one takeaway or next step that you can take action on in your work?





Breaktime: 11:00 am to 11:15 am

Sankofa History, Background & New Midwest Chapter



Sankofa Midwest

A social network of support

By: Shenika Moss, Felica Turner-Walton, Lakeeta Watts, & Ida Winters

Who are we?



Ida Winters, Sankofa
Midwest Founder, CHW,
CEFS, CPPS, & Parent

Dr. Chioma Torres (MI) co-facilitator and parent



Lakeeta Watts, CHW, FSHD,
STMU & Parent



Dr. Hailey Love (WI) co-facilitator



Natalie Anwar (MI) co-
facilitator and parent



Felica Turner-Walton,
FSD, PAIL Advocate &
Parent

Shenika Moss,
CHW & Parent

Meaning of Sankofa

“It is not taboo to fetch what is at risk of being left behind”



sankofa
support
group

History of





The Birth of Sankofa Midwest

SanKofa Midwest was founded by Ida Winters, Community and Family Engagement Specialist, and Parent. Sankofa Midwest is comprised of 3 goals. They are as follows:

<i>1-Support</i>	<i>2-Equip</i>	<i>3-Change</i>
To provide a safe space for Black families to get the support they need to navigate confusing and hostile systems while giving opportunities to network with other families and providers that share a passion to support Black children with developmental disabilities.	To provide culturally relevant and sensitive trainings and information that will empower Black families to be powerful advocates for their children.	To work to change perceptions and stigma associated with disability that are untrue and harmful for the wellbeing of disabled people. To do the work of changing systems that oppress people with intersectional identities, such as being a disabled Black person.

How UCEED PARTNERED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities



Thank you for your Partnership!

How Should Organizations Partner with the Community?

- **Practice Humility**
 - Trauma & Cultural
- **Be Intentional**
 - Programming
 - Studies
- **Create Awareness**
 - Education



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Thank you

Next Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023, 9:30a-2:30p – **in-person**

Evjue Room, Goodman Community Center

214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704

Wrap-Up

- Evaluation Poll

THANK YOU!

