Together for African Caribbean Black Youth: Adapting an Efficacious School–Community–Based Youth Substance Use and Violence Preventive Intervention in a High-Risk Urban Context

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Substance use and violence disproportionately affect African Caribbean Black (ACB) youth in high-risk urban settings, making culturally grounded prevention strategies essential. This presentation introduces an adaptation of an evidence-based school–community intervention designed to reflect ACB adolescents' lived experiences and cultural strengths. Attendees will learn how an equity-centered, participatory process integrates African and Caribbean values, caregiver perspectives, and school input to enhance relevance and sustainability.

Dr. Bertranna A. Muruthi, assistant professor in the Department of Community Health & Prevention, leads this work. Her research focuses on immigrant families within community contexts, using culturally responsive methods to address migration, resettlement, and resilience. Through an intersectionality lens and transnational framework, she explores how immigrant experiences evolve across borders to inform prevention programming that fosters community transformation and social change.

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