

Title:

SPECIAL SESSION AND LIVE Q&A: Mental Health of Black Children and Youths in Canada

Keywords:

Immigrant Child and Youth, Immigrant Health and Mental Health

Description/Overview:

Evidence indicates that Black populations in North America experience poor mental health status. Drawing from data from a series of projects, this session will discuss the mental health of African and Black children and youths in Canada as well as recommendations for research, policy and practice.

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