



Summit County
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Close-Up on Implicit Bias

Tuesday, April 16, Akron-Summit County Public Library Auditorium, downtown Akron
Resource Fair: 7:30 a.m. | Program: 8 a.m.

**** Held as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month ****



FREE Half Day Training
for area professionals.
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Throughout our lives, we are exposed to millions of messages about the world around us – messages that shape our perceptions of people, places, concepts and ideas. As a result, all humans possess a range of implicit associations that operate unconsciously, outside of our awareness, and often times in conflict with our explicit beliefs. Using an engaging and participatory structure, this session will equip attendees with a deeper understanding of our unconscious mental processing; the ways in which these implicit associations impact our decision-making despite our good intentions; and what actions we can take to prevent and respond to the emergence of bias.

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Preshuslee Thompson, Facilitation & Research Specialist
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Preshuslee Thompson serves as the Facilitation and Research Specialist for the Kirwan Institute's Implicit Bias/Race & Cognition Program. She specializes in working with and advocating on behalf of marginalized communities. Her research centers on providing culturally informed and bias conscious resources for those working to improve the lives of marginalized communities.

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Thompson emphasizes the importance of intersectionality and being trauma informed in every aspect of her career. Since graduating from OSU, she has worked in the non-profit sector providing advocacy for transient youth and adults, those suffering from mental illness and addiction, prisoners and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. At the Kirwan Institute, Ms. Thompson is committed to facilitating trainings that leave audience members informed, equipped and committed to creating a more just and equitable society for all people.

This is the 26th Close-Up educational program held as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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