



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## *Embracing Intersectionality: A Conversation about Race and Disability*

Please join us for a virtual event in honor of Black History Month with a panel discussion led by members of the Black Disability Community. The panel will comprise of both Black self-advocates and family members that support those with disabilities discussing their lived experience.

### **Moderators:**

**Phelicha Berdet**  
Health and Disability  
Linkage Coordinator  
at DPH

**Jevon Okundaye**  
Author, Self-Advocate,  
& MAC Fellow

**Lia Okundaye**  
Sibling & Mental  
Health Advocate

### **Panelists:**

**Gyasi Burks-Abbott:** LEND Program faculty, writer, public speaker, autism self-advocate serving on boards, committees, and commissions of several autism and disability organizations.

**Firdosa Hassan:** Pharmacist, immigrated from Somalia, Boston Rep. for Muhsen.org, MRC Family Inclusion Ambassador, and mother of a daughter with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Lesia Antoine:** Librarian, Family Leadership Graduate, LifeCourse Ambassador, immigrant single mother of a daughter with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Lisa A Sims:** MassFamilies board member, LifeCourse Ambassador, Family Leadership Graduate, single mother of an adult son with disabilities with her own disability challenges.

**Paloma Fernandes:** Neurodivergent, Cabo Verdean, disabled, Social Worker, LSWA, MassFamilies board member, LifeCourse Ambassador, and mother to neurodivergent children.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 | 4-5:30pm EST  
To register or learn more click **HERE**.

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