

#YoungMindsMatter19

#### Workshop A:



# Strengthening family and community engagement for well-being

**Exploring social connectedness** 

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## Today We Will.....

- Discuss the importance of parent engagement in community partnerships
- Identify barriers and challenges to parent engagement
- Understand the impact of cultural competence in supporting all community members
- Identify initial steps and strategies for partnering with parents



#### WHY PARENT ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

- It's where WE live
- We ARE the community
- My voice COUNTS
- We don't know what we DON'T know



# CAN YOU BAKE A CAKE?





#### **BARRIERS & CHALLENGES TO ENGAGING PARENTS**

- System's messages and practices
- Language
- Parent/caregiver's perceptions
- Youth messages





### WHY CULTURE MATTERS

- More than race and ethnic background
- Ongoing learning process
- What makes you different
- How we live, laugh, love and worship



# Places and Spaces















# Where Do We Start?





#### **BRIDGING THE GAP**

Who are the People in Your Neighborhood

• Who are you already connected to

- How are you connected
- Trusted messengers
- What does this connection look like





