



**NATIONAL BLACK CHILD DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2020**  
**MAY 11 – 15, 2020**

**SCHEDULE RECAP**

**MONDAY, MAY 11**

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**NOON - 1 PM: FOOD INSECURITY:** “An exploration of ways faith-based partnerships can help alleviate food disparities”

- Tony Lee, Senior Pastor, Community of Hope AME Church
- Mrs. Monica Moss, Food Justice Advocate and First Lady, Trinity United Church of Christ
- Dr. Otis Moss, III, Senior Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ
- *Moderator: Tobeka G. Green, President & CEO, National Black Child Development Institute*

**2 PM - 3 PM: HOMESCHOOL LUNCH & LEARN** “Supporting Work and School Life Balance for Families”

- Dr. Bisa Batten Lewis, President, BCDI-Atlanta and Founder & Managing Partner, Ideal Early Learning, LLC

**4 PM - 4:30 PM: HOMESCHOOL HAPPY HALF HOUR FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES:** “Disco Yoga”

- Aicha McKenzie, Former Gymnast, Dancer, Choreographer, Model, CEO and Co-Founder of the AMCK Group

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

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**11 AM - NOON: FOOD INSECURITY:** “Understanding food insecurity and the impact of COVID-19”

- Carlos M. Rodriguez, President and CEO, Community Food Bank of New Jersey
- *Moderator: Tobeka G. Green, President & CEO, National Black Child Development Institute*

**NOON - 1 PM: THE BLACK ECONOMY - PART 1:** “The Economic and Financial Impact of COVID-19 on Black Families”

- David Clunie, Executive Director, Black Economic Alliance
- *Moderator: Jocelyn Sturdivant, Senior Vice President, Institutional Advancement, National Black Child Development Institute*

**1 PM - 2 PM: SOCIAL WORK:** “Understanding Social Work in the Foster Care System During the Pandemic and Beyond”

- Dr. Sandra Edmonds Crewe, Dean and Professor of Social Work, Howard University
- Dr. Brenda Jones-Harden, Alison Richman Professor for Children and Families at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work and Vice President, Board of Directors, ZERO TO THREE
- *Moderator: Cemeré James, NBCDI, Senior Vice President of Policy*

**2PM - 3 PM: HOMESCHOOL LUNCH & LEARN:** “Gaining Practical Tips and Tools for Teaching Children of All Ages at Home”

- Linda Melton Mann, President, BCDI-Albany and Retired Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Poughkeepsie City School District

**4PM - 4:30 PM: HOMESCHOOL HAPPY HALF HOUR FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES** “Making Slime with Mr. Hines”

- Johnathon Hines, Pre-K Teacher of the Year, Georgia Department of Education

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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### **NOON - 1 PM: MENTAL HEALTH:** “Therapy for Black Families: Supporting Children and Parents’ Mental Health During COVID-19”

- Mr. Brian Coleman, 2019 School Counselor of the Year, American School Counselor Association
- Dr. Onnie Rogers, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Northwestern University and Director, Board of Directors, National Black Child Development Institute
- Mr. David Johns, Executive Director, National Black Justice Coalition
- Kelli Richardson Lawson, CEO and Chief Joy Officer, JOY Collective and Founder, The SonRise Project
- *Moderator: Mr. Jason Rosario, Host of the Yahoo! News “Dear Men” Series and Founder of the Lives of Men & “Hey Jason!” Podcast*

### **1PM - 2PM: MENTAL HEALTH:** “Mental Health and Teen Years: Knowing When You Need Additional Support”

- Jaynay C. Johnson, Award-Winning Teen Therapist, School Consultant, Entrepreneur and Author
- *Moderator, Kelli Richardson Lawson, CEO and Chief Joy Officer, JOY Collective and Founder, The SonRise Project*

### **2PM - 3PM: HOMESCHOOL LUNCH & LEARN** “Practicing Self-Care and Wellness for Parents and Caregivers”

- Christine St. Vil, CEO & Founder, Moms ‘N Charge

### **4 PM - 4:30 PM: HOMESCHOOL HAPPY HALF HOUR FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN** “Parent/Child Scavenger Challenge”

- Joy McElveen, Actress, Model, and Children’s Play Specialist

## THURSDAY, MAY 14

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### **NOON - 1 PM: SPECIAL NEEDS:** “Parents as Advocates: Supporting for Children with Different Abilities”

- Angela F. Williams, President & CEO, Easter Seals
- Kenya Martinez, Education Advocate, Disability Rights Education Defense Fund (DREDF)
- Ronnie Sidney, II, Award-Winning Author, Professional Speaker, Consultant, Entrepreneur, and Licensed Therapist
- *Moderator: Kenny Clutch, Professional Choreographer, Overcoming Adversity Influencer, and Author of When We Change the Mind, We Change the Game*

### **1 PM - 2 PM: THE BLACK ECONOMY — PART 2:** “Gaining Financial Health in Black Communities Beyond COVID-19 - The Role of Black Small Businesses”

- Renee Johnson, Senior Government Affairs Manager, The Main Street Alliance
- *Moderator: Jocelyn Sturdivant, Senior Vice President, Institutional Advancement, National Black Child Development Institute*

### **2PM - 3 PM: HOMESCHOOL LUNCH & LEARN** “Promoting Children’s Learning through Daily Routines”

- Georgia Thompson, President, BCDI-DC Metro; Senior Program & Policy Analyst, Nemours

### **4:00 PM - 4:30 PM: HOMESCHOOLING HAPPY HALF HOUR FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES** “Activate Your FORCE with Hype Coach KJ Rose”

- Keanna “KJ Rose” Henson, Artist Development & Performance Expert

**NOON - 1 PM: WHAT'S WORKING? "A Celebration of Unity, The Power of the Family Bond"**

- Eunique Jones Gibson, Award-winning photographer, activist and author of *Because of Them, We Can*
- Moderator: Lindsay Bryant, Program Assistant, National Black Child Development Institute

**1 PM - 2 PM: SOCIAL WORK: WHY EVERYONE SHOULD BE AN ACTIVIST, An "IG LIVE Exclusive"**

- Marley Dias, Teen activist & founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks
- Moderator: Tai Beauchamp, founder, Tai Life Media, LLC, Co-Founder, Brown Girl Jane and Founder, Beyond Ready

**1 PM - 2 PM: WHAT'S WORKING? "A Conversation with Fair Count on the Importance of the 2020 Census for Black Communities"**

- Ed Reed, Program Director, Fair Count
- Moderator: Dr. Bisa Batten Lewis, President, BCDI/Atlanta; Founder & Managing Partner, Ideal Early Learning, LLC

**2PM - 3 PM: HOMESCHOOL LUNCH & LEARN: "Learning through the Power of Play"**

- Dr. Devonya Govan Hunt, President, BCDI-Charlotte and CEO, Govan-Hunt Staff Development, LLC, Critical Curriculum Consulting

**4:00 PM - 4:30 PM: HOMESCHOOLING HAPPY HALF HOUR FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES "DJ Dance Party"**

- Michael Gary (DJ Geez), CEO, Concentric Educational Solutions