

# Centering Black Youth Wellbeing

A Certificate on Combating Anti-Black Racism



YOUTHLINK  
Ontario



**THIS ONLINE CERTIFICATE** provides the Ontario youth sector with the foundational knowledge to cultivate practices, policies and alliances that challenge, disrupt and combat systematic anti-Black racism.

**THE VISION** is that this certificate will support a structural transformation in Ontario's youth sector that centers the wellbeing of Black young people and their families in our individual practices and organizational policies.



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

The certificate includes **17 lectures** and **3 artistic performance** organized around **four modules**. The lectures will provide you with the knowledge and tools to:

- **UNDERSTAND** the historical roots and context of present-day manifestations of anti-Black racism
- **ENGAGE** with research on the impact of anti-Black racism on Black youth and their families
- **SHARE** critical practices for centering the wellbeing of Black youth and communities
- **CONTRIBUTE** to ongoing personal, professional and organizational accountability

## FIVE UNDERSTANDINGS OF ANTI-BLACK RACISM THAT GROUND THIS CERTIFICATE

- 1 ANTI-BLACK RACISM** is **WIDESPREAD** and leads to a lack of equitable access, opportunities, and outcomes for Black people. The consequences of this lack of equitable or fair access have been well-documented by extensive research that shows disparities in outcomes for Black youth and their families.
- 2 AN ANTI-BLACK RACISM** is the historical roots of present-day manifestations of anti-Black racism.
- 3 IF WE ARE TO BUILD** communities where Black youth can thrive, we need to affirm that Black Lives Matter, that the future of Black youth matters, and that showing up for Black youth wellbeing is a shared responsibility.
- 4 THE EXPERIENCES** of Black youth are multi-layered and often, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, and other social identities are inter-sectional and therefore cannot be separated from one another.
- 5 CENTERING THE WELLBEING** of Black youth and communities in our work in Ontario's youth sector requires ongoing personal, professional and organizational accountability that will extend beyond this certificate (and any other training).

## LEARN AT YOUR OWN PACE OVER FOUR WEEKS

**WATCH OUR WEBINAR** to learn more about the certificate, its structure, and how to get the most out of it. We'll also share key insights, tools and strategies.

**DISCUSS AND SHARE** comments and insights on discussions.

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**DISCUSS** with other learners in a Community of Practice on the MSU Zoom Chat to share your reflections, questions, insights and strategies.

**LEARN MORE** from a certified content creator who designs and supports you extend on or learning beyond the certificate's content.