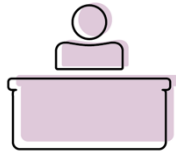


FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – DECEMBER 2023



The winter season is upon us and this time of year is particularly eventful for the CCTST. The recent External Advisory Committee visit just two weeks ago, was a tremendous success thanks to the collective and collaborative efforts of our CCTST members, supporters, collaborators, and staff, in addition to our core personnel. Preliminary feedback has been positive, affirming the impact of what we do each day. Beyond this, there are many exciting events over the course of the next few weeks and into the beginning of the new year. Please see our new funding opportunities listed below in addition to new courses and speaker series.

We also wanted to make you aware of several important deadlines and exciting upcoming events:

The Community Leaders Institute (CLI) is a leadership development training program offered over five consecutive weeks in February-March. The goal is to build research and leadership skills that the individual can use to improve or develop a health program. Applications for the 2024 CLI cohort are due by **December 15, 2023** via [REDCap](#). CCTST staff are available to assist with applications and project design. More information can be found on the [community engagement website](#).

The Community Engagement Core Speaker Series will feature "[A Mother Knows Best: Centering Black Mothers' expertise in autism research](#)," A thought-provoking series followed by an interactive component led by an expert and author in Black Participatory Research.

Please reach out to us if we can be of any assistance to you.

All our best,

Jessica, Jareen, Jeff, and Achala