

Subject line: Talking to Children about Race

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Change the Legacy by Talking to Children about Race

On Wednesday, December 9 at 7 p.m. Dr. Rosemarie Allen will moderate an online panel conversation with live Q & A titled 'Talking to Children about Race.' Dr. Rosemarie Allen is President and CEO of the Institute for Racial Equity & Excellence and a Metropolitan State University of Denver Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education. This session aims to provide parents and caregivers with skills to have these discussions at a pivotal time in our shared history.

Featured panelists are Dorothy Shapland, Alissa Rausch, and Omar Montgomery.

Dr. Dorothy Shapland is a Metropolitan State University of Denver Assistant Professor and founding member of the Division for Early Childhood's Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Council.

Dr. Alissa Rausch is on the University of Denver Research Faculty at the Positive Early Learning Experiences Center.

Omar Montgomery is President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Aurora Colorado and University of Colorado Denver Director of Black Student Services.

This is the second event in Colorado Humanities' "Changing the Legacy of Race & Ethnicity: Conversations for One America" series with the goal to drive a broad discussion across our state as well as action around the issues of race and ethnicity. The first panel presentation, 'How Did We Get Here?' aired on the Colorado Humanities' and partners' [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages, and can be viewed by clicking those links.

This series is free and broadcast live on YouTube and Facebook, thanks to our growing list of community partners and sponsors. The first episode reached an audience of more than 6,000.

Our community partners include NAACP Aurora Colorado, History Colorado, Colorado Anti-Defamation League, Aurora Public Library, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Pine River Library, Colorado Council of Churches, and Mexican Cultural Center Denver. Our sponsors include Arapahoe Libraries and GroundFloor Media and CenterTable. Our media sponsors include Rocky Mountain Public Media and The Durango Herald.

To [learn more or register](#) for this event, visit <https://coloradohumanities.org/programs/changing-the-legacy-of-race-ethnicity/>

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