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SOUL SURVIVORS: TENDING TO THE AFTERMATH OF HOMICIDE FOR BLACK COMMUNITIES



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Level of Instruction: Advanced

Presentation Summary: This presentation elucidates the structural disproportionate reality of homicide victimization for Black people by highlighting the root causes and consequences of experiencing chronic cumulative Black death. This presentation invites participants to engage in embracing a fundamental paradigm shift in the way we think, define, assess, and respond to death, dying and bereavement for Black survivors of homicide victims. This keynote is designed to not only inform but also inspire researchers, policymakers, and practitioners on pathways for understanding the ways we should support and provide services to Black survivors of homicide victims.

Objectives: *Upon completion of this lecture, the participant will be able to:*

- Examine beliefs and perspectives related to the experience of homicide for Black communities
- Explore the manifestation of the deprivation of grief and bereavement as a result of homicide for Black communities
- Present the process of identifying and engaging in coping strategies for Black survivors of homicide victims in the United States
- Provide culturally responsive approaches to practice related to the provision of grief and bereavement services for Black survivors of homicide victims

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