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Professional Development Title: Restorative Practices, PBIS, & the Cultural Responsiveness Nexus

Presentation Description: Through this engaging presentation Dr. Saheli will share and discuss the critical nexus between PBIS, Restorative Practices, and Cultural Responsiveness. The successful implementation of PBIS requires a critical equity and a social justice mindset of advocacy. Additionally, Restorative Practices theory and action components must be properly defined for a true implementation of systems that offer opportunities for deep community to be established and harm repaired.

Brief Bio: Dr. Ammar Saheli

Dr. Ammar Saheli has served in the capacity of CEO of Saheli7 Educational Consulting for the past 9 years, Director of Student Support Services for San Lorenzo Unified School District (past 9 years), and Minister of the West Oakland Church of Christ (past 16 years). He is passionate and proficient in the conceptions and implementation techniques related to equity, cultural competence, cultural responsiveness, unconscious bias, Restorative Practices/Restorative Justice, B.E.S.T., and instructional strategies related to critical pedagogy. Ammar specializes in developing/ Implementing systems designed to address racial disproportionality, student empowerment and consciousness, while additionally managing the tough and necessary dialogues— critical to moving systems, students, and families beyond the impact of cultural bias and institutional barriers.

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