

NBCI Denounces FSU Autism, Autism Speaks and Others for Their Racist, Paternalistic Approach As Black Children Suffer

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Autism is a condition that affects many Black children

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, November 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com -- The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino faith communities representing 27.7 million members, along with the American Clinic Health Disparities Commission, denounces the Florida State University Autism Institute, Autism Speaks, the Autism Science Foundation, and others in the Autism community for their racist, paternalistic approach.



Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative

They have refused to stand up to Donald Trump's assault on the basic facts of Autism while Black children suffer in silence. The Autism community is afraid to defend the science they helped create as the standard for understanding how to diagnose Autism. This is more than shameful.

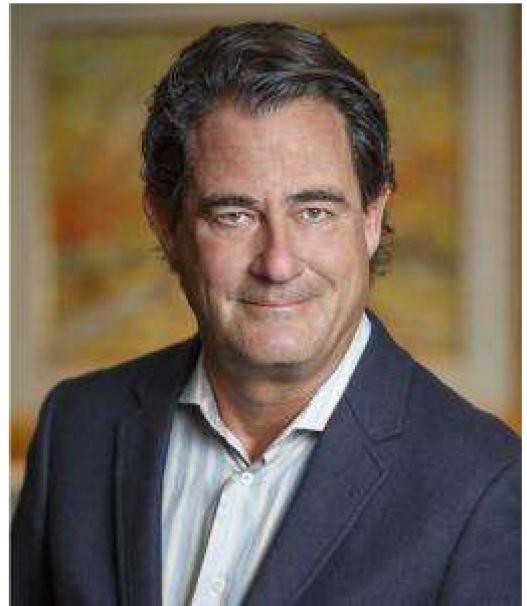
Collectively, they have allowed Health and Human Services Secretary Kennedy to espouse dangerous theories without any scientific basis or factual support. Collectively, leaders in the Autism community have allowed Secretary Kennedy to spread the degrading and false information that will threaten the parents of children with Autism for decades to come.

The Black Church refuses to remain silent in the face of this frontal assault on the dignity of all children, especially Black children, who remain unprotected and without any meaningful access to the latest treatment.

Why haven't Dr. Amy Wetherby of FSU and other prominent white clinicians in the Autism community collectively held a news conference or published any literature to refute the false scientific propaganda being advocated by Donald Trump and the Kennedy gang? We know why. Because they are spineless and lack the ethics to defend their own work. The Black Church finds this harmful and a clear violation of the core tenet of the Hippocratic Oath—to do no harm. Their silence and fear of the Trump White House is killing Black children.

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— *Rev. Anthony Evans,*
President of the National Black Church Initiative



Keith Wargo of Autism Speaks



Amy Wetherby of FSU Autism Institute

The facts and the data are undeniable on who is suffering while White clinicians run and hide with their tails tucked between their legs. It is only poor, rural, and Black children with Autism who have no one to defend their humanity and dignity. The Black Church is not afraid to speak out on their behalf. In contrast, White Autism organizations fundraise off of their suffering and misery.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative, says, "The Black Church demands services for our children from all of the Autism organizations. We are conducting a top-to-bottom review of each of them. I have personally authorized demonstrations, starting in 2026, in front of every Autism organization that we find is not providing services to Black children and their families while collecting public money from data about their plight. We are delighted to report that 50,000 churches have signed up to participate in demonstrations in their cities."

A glaring example of these organizations' racism and paternalism is that all of the babies and children on their websites appear to be White. This is a statistical lie in addition to the fact that they have no meaningful programmatic outreach to the Black community, except when a grant requires the service of Black children.

"If none of the organizations I mentioned have meaningful, substantive outreach and education programs for Black children or parents," Rev. Evans added, "then we will non-violently confront them all in 2026. We are very confident that there will be a change after the demonstrations."

N BCI has lobbied over 20 states to date to increase spending and treatment for Black children with Autism. The following organizations have not said a word in defense of God's most innocent and defenseless children: FSU Autism Institute, Autism Speaks, Autism Society of America, Organization for Autism Research (OAR), Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, Autism Science Foundation, National Autism Association (NAA), Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network, The Arc of the United States, Asperger/Autism Network (AANE), Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), The BRAIN Foundation, Center for Autism and Related

Foundation, Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), Eagles Autism Foundation, Interdisciplinary Technical Assistance Center (ITAC) on Autism and Developmental Disabilities, International Society for Autism Research (INSAR), Madison House Autism Foundation, , National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI), Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research (SPARK), and the United States International Council on Disabilities.

ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 150, 000 African American and Latino churches, comprising 27.7 million members, that works to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches, and the public. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology utilizes faith and sound health science. We also offer our member congregants and the public helpful, science-based tips on developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The National Black Church Initiative's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose primary mission is to reduce racial disparities in various areas, as cited above. NBCI provides faith-based, innovative, and cutting edge solutions to complex economic and social challenges. Credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and proven methods guide NBCI's programs.

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