



Society for Prevention Research | Diversity Network Committee

DNC Speaker Series

Advances in Prevention Science, Diversity, and Inclusion

In recognition of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Culturally Adapting Parent Training Interventions for Mental Health: The Importance of Integrating Prevention Science, Culture, and Social Justice

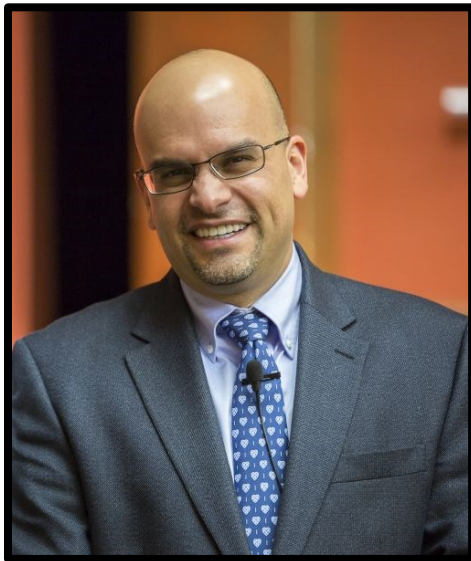
Wednesday, July 23, 2026, at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET / 11:00 am – 12:00 pm PT

Join us over Zoom. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ewrEj35uQ5qMDyTl2mQaog>

Speaker:

Rubén Parra-Cardona, PhD, MA



Dr. Rubén Parra-Cardona is the Roger and Carol Nooe Endowed Chair and Professor, in the College of Social Work at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is a prevention scientist with expertise in tailoring evidence-based parenting interventions to ensure contextual and cultural relevance. Dr. Parra-Cardona was funded by NIMH to investigate the treatment efficacy and relevance of two versions of an evidence-based parenting intervention culturally adapted for Hispanic families with young children. He has also completed two prevention trials with funding provided by NIDA to extend this line of research to Hispanic families with adolescent children. He served as vice-president of the Family Process Institute, was an elected member of the Board of Directors of the

Society for Prevention Research, and currently serves on the editorial boards of the journal *Family Process* and the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*.

He has extensive experience in research collaborations across the U.S.-Mexico border. His global prevention work has led to the establishment of long-term research collaborations with partners in Mexico (National Institute of Psychiatry), Chile (San Carlos de Maipo Foundation), and the United Kingdom (Parenting for Lifelong Health and the University of Oxford).

The aims of the *DNC Speaker Series* are to highlight research on prevention science and public health that is led by researchers from underrepresented groups and primarily conduct research with groups that are understudied (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities, individuals who identify as a sexual minority, individuals with disabilities). The presentation series will also aim to create a forum for the guest speaker(s) to share career/professional reflections as a researcher from an underrepresented group(s) and to promote discussions of diversity and inclusion in professions related to prevention science and public health.

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