WNED | WBFO to Host Community Discussion on Mental Health in the African American Community

WNED | WBFO and the Western New York community will host Let's Talk, an open discussion of mental health in the African American community on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 6 pm at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library located at 1324 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo, NY 14208.

Karl Shallowhorn will lead the community discussion with guests Erin M. Moss, LMHC; Kelly Marie Wofford; George Nicholas, MDiv; and Keli Koran Luchey, PhD. A question and answer session will follow the discussion.

African Americans are disproportionately more likely to suffer from mental health issues than white Americans. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, in 2015 African Americans were 20 percent more likely to report serious psychological distress than white Americans, and African Americans are almost twice as likely to be diagnosed with schizophrenia as white Americans. Despite these statistics, African Americans are less likely to receive behavioral treatment.

For more information, visit wned.org/mentalhealth.

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