Early Childhood Mentor Network

# The Early Childhood Mentor Network Presents:
# Brain Development & Language in Early Childhood
## an Emphasis on Indigenous Perspectives

## Thursday February 17, 2022 6-8 pm
## Virtual Event on Zoom

The Early Childhood Mentor Network is honored to have Joshuaa D. Allison-Burbank, PhD, CCC-SLP present on the importance of brain and language development while centering the voices of young Indigenous children. This session will give early childhood educators knowledge and tools to support this very crucial area of development.

### Joshuaa D. Allison-Burbank, PhD, CCC-SLP

is Diné and Acoma Pueblo. His clans are Tłʼógi, Parrot Clan (Acoma), Tóʼáhani, and Yellow Corn (Acoma). Joshuaa is a licensed speech-language pathologist and previously worked at Northern Navajo Medical Center in Tsé Bitʼaʼí, Navajo Nation. He continues to provide developmental services to Navajo families enrolled in the Navajo Nation Early Intervention Program. His research interests include community assessment, parent coaching, assessing the effects of stress on neurodevelopment, and the prevention of developmental delay in American Indian children. Dr. Allison-Burbank received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas where he focused on neurodevelopmental disabilities and prevention research. He has a Public Health Training Certificate in American Indian Health from Johns Hopkins University. He attended the University of New Mexico where he received a BA in Speech and Hearing Sciences. Joshuaa has held several leadership positions recently including vice chair of the Multi-Cultural Committee (MCC) within the Association of University Centers on Disabilities and co-chair of the Native American Caucus within the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Dr. Allison-Burbank is based at the Johns Hopkins office in Albuquerque, NM. Currently, Joshuaa is an Assistant Scientist Center for American Indian Health Department of International Health, and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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