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Social Justice Physician • Lecturer • Child Advocate • Trainer

I am a board-certified Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician with 20+ years of experience caring for infants, children, teenagers, and young adults with developmental delays, developmental disabilities, behavioral health conditions, and with historical and contemporary trauma. I am an anti-oppression/pro-liberation social justice warrior who is passionate about achieving health equity for disabled children by dismantling historical and contemporary intersectional ableism. I have trained and educated thousands of health care providers to engage in anti-racist, anti-ableist health care delivery. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and animal lover who believes in becoming a better human daily.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Health, 2005

Harvard School of Public Health | Boston, MA

Doctor of Medicine, 1999

Meharry Medical College, School of Medicine | Nashville, TN

Bachelor of Arts in Biology, 1994

University of Texas at Austin | Austin, TX

Associates of Science in Biology, 1991

Southwestern Christian College | Terrel, TX



PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Apply Evidence-Based Practice (Apply EBP) 11/2023-Present

Lecturer and Trainer National

I provide webinars and live presentations to train school-based pediatric speech and language pathology, occupational therapy, and physical therapy professionals

- “Boosting Impact of OT, PT, and Speech Services for Children with ADHD: Proven Strategies to Incorporate into Your Interventions”
- “ADHD and Executive Function Disorder: The Role of OT, PT, and Speech Services”
- “Dyslexia: Warning Signs, Diagnosis, and What Works—And the Role of OT and Speech Services”
- “Classroom Behavior Management Strategies for Students with ADHD: Promoting School Performance and Productivity”
- “Why Calling Dysgraphia ‘SLD in Written Expression’ Matters! Addressing the Complexities of Writing Challenges”

Adoption & Beyond DBP Clinic 07/2022-Present

Owner and Founder TX, OK, GA, NV, IL

I provide in-home and telehealth-based Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric consultation services including comprehensive Adoption Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Evaluations, General Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Evaluations, School Testing and Individualized Education Program Reviews, Anxious Kid Coaching, and Parent Concerns and Coaching Services for patients ages 4 years to 25 years. I also provide Physician-to-Physician consultation on evaluating and caring for children with developmental disabilities and behavioral health conditions.

Clinical Associate Profess of Pediatrics 07/2022-Present

Baylor College of Medicine Houston TX

I serve as adjunct faculty and provide lectures and presentations for medical students, faculty, and staff. I continue to engage in academic tasks including giving Grand Rounds to academic institutions across the country, train Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric fellows and junior faculty at the Children’s Hospital of Lahore, Pakistan. I continue to collaborate with the CDC on research examining the impact of racism on adolescent mental health and school performance.



A Spinks-Franklin, MD, MPH

04/2015-Present

DBA: DBP Doc, PLLC, DBP Education, Consultation & Training

Owner, Founder

Texas

I founded DBP Doc, PLLC to provide Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric education to health care professionals and school educational professionals on the educational and health care needs of infants, children, teenagers, and young adults with developmental disabilities, behavioral health conditions, including children who have survived trauma and adopted children. I provide consultation to childcare centers on the developmental and behavioral health needs of young children. I provide training to health care professionals on anti-racist and anti-ableist clinical care, medical education, child advocacy efforts, and pediatric research. I provide expert witness reviews and testimony.

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Consultant

06/2015-08/2017

Bay Pointe Behavioral Health Services

Friendswood TX

I conducted Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric evaluations on child and adolescent psychiatric patients at Bay Pointe Behavioral Health Services. I provided education and consultation to the psychiatrists on the long-term needs of this population of patients who have developmental disabilities and psychiatric disorders.

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

09/2005-07/2022

Texas Children's Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine

Houston TX

I worked as a clinician-educator who evaluated and treated (including advanced psychopharmacology) infants, children, teenagers, and young adults with developmental disabilities and behavioral health conditions. I taught and trained thousands of medical students, hundreds of residents, and dozens of fellows. I gave more than two dozen Grand Rounds presentations across the country. I engaged in global pediatric health care initiatives in Belize, Central America and Lahore, Pakistan. I established the Developmental Adoption Clinic to evaluate and care for adopted children and their families. I helped establish the first ACGME-certified Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric fellowship in the state of Texas and served as Associate Fellowship Director for three years. I collaborated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the impact of racism on the adolescent mental health.



MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Fellowship	July 2002-June 2005
Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School	Boston MA
Dyson Advocacy Fellowship	July 2002-June 2003
Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School	Boston MA
Pediatric Residency	July 1999-June 2002
Children's Hospital of Michigan/Wayne State University	Detroit MI
Medical School	July 1995-May 1999
Meharry Medical College School of Medicine	Nashville TN
Bachelor of Art in Biology	January 1992-May 1994
University of Texas at Austin	Austin TX
Associate of Science in Biology	August 1989-May 1991
Southwestern Christian College	Terrell TX

OTHER ADVANCED TRAINING

1. Racial Literacy Virtual Training for Mid-Career Academic Pediatric Leaders, Racial Equity Institute, University of Pennsylvania, February 20, 2024
2. Racial Equity Institute Groundwater Institute Training, American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Coordinator, September, 2023
3. Critical Race Theory Virtual Summer School, African American Policy Forum,
 - August 2021
 - August 2022
 - August 2023
 - August 2024



4. Racial Literacy Virtual Institute, Lion's Story, University of Pennsylvania, August 16-19, 2021
5. AAMC Mid-Career Women In Medicine Virtual Leadership Conference December 7-9, 2021
6. Clinical Scientist Training Program (CSTP), Baylor College of Medicine, 2011-2012.

GLOBAL PEDIATRIC HEALTHCARE WORK

- Children's Hospital of Lehore, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Clinic and Trainee Teaching rounds and case discussion, Lehore, Pakistan, November 2019 to Present
- Community Medical Mission, Dangriga and surrounding rural areas, Belize, Central America, July 2018
- Georgetown General Hospital, Pediatric ward and clinics, Georgetown, Guyana, South America, August, 2003.
- Complejo Health Center, LaRomana, Dominican Republic, March, 2003 and March, 2004.
- Albert Schweitzer Hospital, Dechapelle, Haiti, March, 2003.
- Shifa Al Asqam Medical Center, Medina Baye, Senegal, West Africa, January and July, 2000

INTERNATIONAL LECTURES

- *5th Developmental Behavioral Pediatric Conference, 2023* "ADHD: The Tip of the Iceberg" , University of Child Health Sciences, The Children's Hospital, (UCHS-CH), Lahore, Pakistan, July 13-15, 2023 (attended virtually)
- *World Autism Day: Accept, Understand, Love.* Hybrid Symposium. "ABCs of ASD" Virtual Presentation. Department of Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics. The Children's Hospital & Institute of Child Health, Lahore, Pakistan, April 2, 2021.
- *4th Developmental Behavioral Pediatric Conference 2019* "ADHD vs ASD", Lahore, Pakistan, November 7-9, 2019
- *66th Annual BCM Pediatric Postgraduate Symposium and International Colloquium.* Baylor College of Medicine. "Talking to Teens: Adolescent Psychosocial and Cognitive Development", with Sharonda Alston-Taylor, Houston, Texas, March 2014
- *64th Annual Pediatric Postgraduate Symposium and International Colloquium.* Baylor College of Medicine. "Update: Treatment & Management of ADHD", Houston, TX, April 2013.
- *19th Annual International Colloquium 2010.* Baylor College of Medicine. "An Update on Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder," April 2010
- "How to administer the Denver Developmental Screening Test II," Lecture to staff with interpreter. Shifa Al Asqam Medical Center, Medina Baye, Senegal, West Africa, January 2000.



NATIONAL LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS (2020-2026 only)

- Grand Rounds, “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Department of Pediatrics, Carilion Children’s Hospital, Roanoke VA, July 9, 2020
- American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference & Exhibition, 2020, Virtually Presented; Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SODBP) H Program
 - “Disparities & Implicit Bias in DBP Care”, October 4, 2020
- Grand Rounds: “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Division of Developmental Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Boston, Boston MA, October 19, 2020
- Grand Rounds: “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Department of Pediatrics, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, Cincinnati OH, October 20, 2020
- Grand Rounds: “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Department of Pediatrics, Mattel Children’s Hospital, UCLA, Los Angeles CA October 25, 2020
- The Steven J. Parker Memorial Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Conference, Boston Medical Center, Boston Massachusetts, Keynote Address “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Boston MA, March 5, 2021
- Grand Rounds, Bill and Irving Harris Visiting Professorship Boston Medical Center, Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation, “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Boston MA, March 4, 2021
- Grand Rounds, “Racism a Societal Pathogen”, Baylor Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine, March 19, 2021
- Grand Rounds, “Racism a Societal Pathogen”, Duke University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, March 23, 2021
- Grand Rounds, “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Department of Pediatrics, Connecticut Children’s Hospital, Hartford CT, April 20, 2021
- Grand Rounds, “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Department of Pediatrics, Montefiore Children’s Hospital, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NYC NY, October 6, 2021
- University of California at San Francisco, Developmental Disabilities Conference presentations,
 - “The Impact of Racism on Child Development and Behavior”, March 25, 2021
 - “Autism and ADHD”, March 26, 2021
- Brazelton Touchpoints Institute, “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, multiple sites across the country logged into virtual session, Boston MA, April 6, 2021
- Collaboration on Early Childhood, “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, presentation to Illinois Public Health Professionals, Oak Park, IL, April 20, 2021
- Reach Out and Read Diversity Equity and Inclusion Provider Conference, “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Boston MA, June, 2021.
- 2021 Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group-USA (DSMIG-USA®) Annual Symposium (Virtual Conference) presentation, “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, participants logged into virtual conference from around the country, June 18, 2021
- Academic Pediatric Association Young Investigators Awardee presentation, “Racism: A Social Determinant of Health”, multiple sites joined virtual session, July 26, 2021.
- Collaborative Office Rounds (COR), hosted by University of Michigan, “Racism: A Social Determinant of Health”, Ann Arbor MI, September 20, 2021



- American Academy of Pediatrics Virtual National Conference & Exhibition presentation “Intersection of the Pandemic, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Social Determinants of Health on Children with Developmental Disabilities, co-presented with Jean Raphael, MD, MPH, Philadelphia PA October 9, 2021
- American Academy of Pediatrics Virtual National Conference & Exhibition Council on Foster Care, Kinship Care, and Adoption H Program Keynote address “Help Still Wanted: Supporting the Developmental and Behavioral Health Needs Post-Adoption”, October 11, 2021.
- Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Conference workshop “Critical Race Theory in Medicine (MedCRT): Origins, [Applications, & Future Translation to Education, Clinical Practice, & Research](#), April 23, 2022
- American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference & Exhibition, Anaheim CA, October 7-11, 2022
 - Workshop: “Autism and the Medical Home”
 - Seminar: “Teens, Screens, & COVID-19: Problematic Use of the Internet (PUI) Among Children & Teens With ADHD During the Pandemic”
- Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Conference workshop “Critical Race Theory in the Exam Room: Applying Medical CRT to Physician-Patient Relationships, Patient Care, and Advocacy”, Washington DC, April 28, 2023
- American Academy of Pediatrics Practical Pediatrics Course, Chicago IL, June 9-11, 2023
 - “Racism: An Adverse Childhood Experience”
 - “Do the Work! Employing the Bright Futures Health Equity Resource”
 - “What do I prescribe? Basic Psychopharmacology”
 - “Creating a Culturally-Responsive Pediatric Practice”—90-minute seminar given twice
- Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics annual conference Topic Symposium “Redlining Begat ACEs: How Public Policy Impacts Child Development, Behavior, and Health”, Minneapolis MN, September 11, 2023
- “Racism: A Major Driver of Health”, Collaborative Office Rounds, Maternal Child Health Bureau, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Fellowship, University of Michigan, October 2, 2023
- “Racism: A Major Driver of Health”, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Fellowship Lecture, Meyer Center for Developmental Pediatrics, Texas Children’s Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, November 2023
- “Racism: A Societal Pathogen”, Pediatric Grand Rounds Lecture, NYC Health and Hospitals Pediatrics Division, NYC NY, February 20, 2024
- “Standing Up and Stepping Out: Building an Inclusive Healthcare Community”, Pediatric Grand Rounds lecture, Medical College of Georgia, Department of Pediatrics, Augusta GA, September 6, 2024
- “It’s the Whole Brain: Addressing Executive Function Problems in Children with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities”, Next Step Collaborative, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, November 20, 2024
- “Intersectional Ableism: What is it and What do we do about it?”, Baylor College of Medicine Genetics Counseling Students, January 17, 2025



- Ensuring Equal Dignity and Respect for All Disabled People (subtitled “Combating Intersectional Ableism: Addressing the Complex Impact of Racism, Sexism, and Povertyism on Disabled Youth,”) Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities, Brown University, February 7, 2025.
- “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD): A Brief Overview” 24th Annual Developmental Disabilities: An Update for Health Professionals, University of San Francisco Pediatrics, March 6, 2025
- “How to Conduct Anti-Racist Research in Pediatrics: Applying Medical Critical Race Theory Framework to Conduct Equitable Research” Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Conference, accepted workshop Honolulu HI, April 28, 2025
- “Our Kidz Can’t Deer: Evidence-based Practices for Identifying, Treating, and Supporting Children with Reading Problems...”, Clinical Symposium, Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA September 20, 2025.
- “Update on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” Seminar, American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference & Exhibit, Denver CO, September 26, 2025
- “Supporting Success of Students with ADHD” San Bernadino County Schools, for Apply EBP, October 9, 2025
- “Racism: A Driver of Child Development, Behavior, and Health”, Society for Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Grand Rounds, October 29, 2025
- “Racism: A Driver of Child Development, Behavior, and Health”, Grand Rounds, Bronx Health, December 2, 2025
- “Kids Can Be Clients: Honoring Children’s Capacity and Right to be Heard,” Webinar, National Association of Council for Children, December 10, 2025
- “Equal Dignity and Respect for All Disabled People”, Workshop, Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND), Brown University, virtual, January 9, 2026
- “Racism: A Driver of Child Development, Behavior, & Health—Promoting Resilience through Ancestral Wisdom”, Panel Discussion, 3rd Annual Virtual Conference, Psychologists for Racial Justice, March 13, 2026

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics 2006-2026

American Board of Pediatrics General Pediatrics

Full Medical License

Texas	August 2005-May 2027
Oklahoma	August 2022- August 2026
Nevada	May 2024-June 2027
Georgia	May 2024-July 2027



PUBLICATIONS (2017-2026)

- Loe, Irene M. MD*; **Spinks-Franklin, Adiaha MD, MPH**†. “Commentary: Complex Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is Inherently Intersectional”. *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics* ():10.1097/DBP.0000000000001474, March 25, 2026. | DOI: 10.1097/DBP.0000000000001474
- Kate E. Wallis, Sarah Wozniak-Kelly, Andrea F. Duncan, Tala Allababidi, Kristine Andrews, Alejandra Barreto, Sharron D. Hunter-Rainey, Tiffani J. Johnson, Camila M. Mateo, Susanna A. McColley, Monica R. McLemore, Fahmida Sarmin, **Adiaha Spinks-Franklin**, Diana Worsley, Nia Heard-Garris, Diana Montoya-Williams; Consensus Recommendations for Antiracist Child Health Research: A Modified Delphi Study. *Pediatrics Open Science* March 2026; 2 (1): 1–11.
<https://doi.org/10.1542/pedsos.2025-000621>
- Loe I, **Spinks-Franklin A**, Espiritu D, Koski WS, Diekroger EA, Fogler JM. Promoting Collaboration Among Pediatrics, Education, and Law in a Preschooler With Co-occurring Attention-deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Cerebral Palsy. *J Dev Behav Pediatr*. 2025 Oct 20. doi: 10.1097/DBP.0000000000001431. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 41114658.
- Weitzman C, Guevara J, Curtin M, Macias M; AAP Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics; AAP Council on Early Childhood; AAP Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health; SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICS. Promoting Optimal Development: Screening for Mental Health, Emotional, and Behavioral Problems: Clinical Report. *Pediatrics*. 2025 Sep 1;156(3):e2025073172. doi: 10.1542/peds.2025-073172. PMID: 40850690.
- Alleyne K, Fogler J, Simon KM, **Spinks-Franklin A**, Spencer AE. Promoting Equitable Engagement in Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Care. *Pediatr Ann*. 2025;54(1):e12-e17. doi:10.3928/19382359-20241007-01
- Anderson AT, **Spinks-Franklin A**, Heard-Garris N, Johnson TJ. We Tell the Story: Building Collective Resilience Against Racism From Early Childhood. *Acad Pediatr*. 2024;24(7S):S214-S216. doi:10.1016/j.acap.2023.09.015
- Fannin DK, Williams, E. G., Fuller, M., Pearson, J. N., Boyd, B. A., Drame, E. R., Taylor, J., Dickerson, A. S., **Spinks-Franklin, A.**, & Coles-White, J. Unpacking the prevalence: A warning against overstating the recently narrowed gap for Black autistic youth. *Autism Res*. 2024;17(6):1072-1082. doi:10.1002/aur.3168
- Froehlich TE, **Spinks-Franklin A**, Christakis DA. Ending Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Faculty Requirement for Pediatric Residency Programs-Desperate Times Do Not Justify Desperate Actions. *JAMA Pediatr*. 2023;177(10):999-1000. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2023.2829



- Valdez P, Kendrick-Allwood S, Williams TS, **Spinks-Franklin A**, Nyp SS. Let Me Spell It Out: The Impact of Microaggression on the Health Care Professional. *J Dev Behav Pediatr*. 2022;43(5):303-306. doi:10.1097/DBP.0000000000001082
- Weitzman, C. C., Baum, R. A., Fussell, J., Korb, D., Leslie, L. K., **Spinks-Franklin, A.**, & Voigt, R. G. (2022). Defining Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. *Pediatrics*, e2021054771. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2021-054771>
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- Walton JR, **Spinks-Franklin A**. Discrimination and the Role of the Clinician. *Pediatrics*. 2021 Dec 1;148(6):e2021053619. doi: 10.1542/peds.2021-053619. PMID: 34814178.
- Loe, Irene M, Froehlich, Tanya, Edrees, Hanein H, **Spinks-Franklin, Adiaha**. Racism as an Adverse Childhood Experience: An Interactive Workshop to Train Pediatricians to Address Racism in Clinical Care. *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*. Pre-publication, April 2021
- **Spinks-Franklin, Adiaha I. A.** MD, MPH, FAAP Wake Up. Get Woke. Stay Woke!, *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*: September 2020 - Volume 41 - Issue 7 - p 501-503. doi: 10.1097/DBP.0000000000000858
- Uzamere, T., MS, MD, Berry, A., MS, MD, & **Spinks-Franklin, A., MD, MPH.** (2020, Fall). Racism Damages Child Development and Health. *AAP Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Newsletter*, https://collaborate.aap.org/SODBP/Documents/2020_Fall.pdf. Retrieved 2020, from https://collaborate.aap.org/SODBP/Documents/2020_Fall.pdf
- Benard P Dreyer , Maria Trent , Ashaunta T Anderson , George L Askew , Rhea Boyd , Tumaini R Coker , Tamera Coyne-Beasley , Elena Fuentes-Afflick, Tiffani Johnson, Fernando Mendoza , Diana Montoya-Williams , Suzette O Oyeku , Patricia Poitevien , **Adiaha I A Spinks-Franklin** , Olivia W Thomas, Leslie Walker-Harding, Earnestine Willis , Joseph L Wright, Stephen Berman , Jay Berkelhamer , Renee R Jenkins , Colleen Kraft , Judith Palfrey, James M Perrin , Fernando Stein . The Death of George Floyd: Bending the Arc of History Towards Justice for Generations of Children [published online ahead of print, 2020 Jun 26]. *Pediatrics*. 2020; e2020009639. doi:10.1542/peds.2020-009639
- McCool C, **Spinks-Franklin A**, Noroski LM, Potocki L. Potocki-Shaffer syndrome in a child without intellectual disability-The role of PHF21A in cognitive function. *Am J Med Genet A*. 2017;173(3):716-720. doi:10.1002/ajmg.a.37988

SELECT BOOK CHAPTERS PUBLISHED

- **Spinks-Franklin A**, Froehlich T, Loe I. “Historical Root Cause Analytical Framework for Contemporary Environmental Influences on Child Development, Behavior, and Health” in



Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics textbook, American Academy of Pediatrics, in press, *expected publication 2026*.

- **Spinks-Franklin A** and Valdez P. “Transgenerational Transfer of Racial and Colonial Trauma: Impact on Child Development, Behavior, and Health”, in *Developmental Trauma and Resilience* textbook, American Academy of Pediatrics, in press *expected publication 2027*.
- **Spinks-Franklin A**, Ihyembe D, Moore-Briscoe T. “ADHD in Underserved Populations” in *Underserved Populations* textbook, American Academy of Pediatrics, in press *expected publication 2026*.
- Pachter L and **Spinks-Franklin A** “Child Health Disparities”, in *Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics, 22nd Edition*. Elsevier Health Sciences, edited by Robert M. Kliegman and Joseph W. St. Geme III, 2025
- **Spinks-Franklin A**, Mittal S, Pereira-Smith S, Beers N "Neurodevelopmental Disorders and the Impact of Racism", in American Academy of Pediatrics. *Untangling the Thread of Racism: A Primer for Pediatric Health Professionals*. Itasca, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics, 2023.
- Loe, I. M., **Spinks-Franklin, A.**, & Wallis, K. E. (2023). 20 - Celebrating Sociocultural Diversity in the Exam Room and Addressing Racism and Bias. In *Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics* (Fifth Edition, pp. 189–200). Elsevier Inc. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-80972-6.00020-X>
- **Spinks-Franklin A**, “Chapter 85: Basics of Management of Common Behavior Problems” *Rudolph Pediatrics, 23rd Edition*, Kline MW(ed.), McGraw-Hill, 2018
- Schwarzwald H, Collins E, Gillespie S, **Spinks-Franklin A**. *International Adoption and Clinical Practice*. Springer Briefs in Child Health. 2015

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LEADERSHIP ROLES

Society of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP)	2002-2005, 2007- Present
○ Membership Committee, Member	2008 to present
○ Strategic Planning Meeting, SDBP Board of Directors	2009 and 2012
○ Advocacy Committee, Member	2007-Present
• Co-Chair Advocacy Committee	2009 to 2015
○ ADHD Special Interest Group	2012-Present
○ Board of Directors, Member	2016-2018
○ Complex ADHD Guideline Committee	2018 to 2020
○ Nominations Committee, Member	2019, 2024
○ International Collaborative Office Rounds (i-COR) site chair	2019 to 2020
• I-COR member	2019 to Present
○ Founding Co-Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	2020 to Present
○ President Elect	2022-2023
○ President	2023-2024
○ Immediate Past-President	2024-2025
○ Past President	2025 - Present
American Academy of Pediatrics	1999-Present



○ Section of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics	2010-Present
○ SODBP Executive Committee, Member	2019-Present
○ SODBP Education Committee Member	2019-Present
○ Education Committee Chair	2020-2021
○ SODBP Equity & Justice Committee, Chair	2020-Present
American Board of Pediatrics, DBP Subboard, Member	2021-2027
Academic Pediatrics Association	2008-Present
○ Research Committee, Member	2010-2015
○ Race & Medicine SIG	2008-Present
American Medical Association	2007-Present
Society for Research in Child Development	2009-2016
○ SRCD Black Caucus	2010-Present
National Medical Association	2008-2011, 2015-Present
Mary Susan Moore Medical Society	2006 to Present
Race and Children Educational Collaborative of Anti-Racist Developmental Professionals (R.A.C.E. C.A.R.D.), Founder	2017-Present
○ We conduct anti-racism training for physicians and other healthcare providers across the United States to promote health equity in clinical care	
○ I coordinate all national workshops, presentations, and writings.	
Physicians Against Racism & Trauma (PART)	2019 to 2022
○ Chair, Medical Education Workgroup	2019 to 2021

APPOINTED POSITIONS

- American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) Task Force on Racial Equity and Social Justice question writing for Initial General Pediatric Board Certification exam and Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Board Exam, 2020-2021
- American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) Task Force to update Entrustable Professional Activity (EPA) 14 to include racism, social justice, societal inequities, implicit bias, social determinants of health and how they contribute to health disparities. 2020-2021



Complex ADHD Guidelines, Committee Member,
Pediatrics

2018 to 2020
2009-Present

SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS (TELEVISION, RADIO, PRINT, PODCASTS)

[2020-2026 only]

- Keates, N. (2020, June 05). How to Talk to Your Children About the Protests. Retrieved November 12, 2020, from <https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-the-protests-11591387738>
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- Bennett, C. (2021 February 24) The pandemic has meant more anxiety and trips to the E.R. for some teens. New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/24/world/the-pandemic-has-meant-more-anxiety-and-trips-to-the-er-for-some-teens.html>
- Podcast, “Why Do Teens Get Anxious?” for program “Tai Asks Why” Canada Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).
- Podcast, “ADHD”, American Academy of Pediatrics, February 26, 2021
- Webinar: “ADHD in BIPOC Youth”, Children and Adults with ADHD (CHADD), April 8, 2021
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<https://californiahealthline.org/news/article/alameda-county-california-mom-diagnosis-child-behavioral-issues/>
- The Black Woman's Confidant Podcast with Dr. Nicole Washington, aired January 21, 2026.
<https://drnicolepsych.com/2026/01/21/unscripted-roots-navigating-non-traditional-families/>
- Disability News You can Use Podcast interview, aired February 28, 2026.
<https://disabilitynewsyoucanuse.libsyn.com/website/2026>

SCHOOL PERSONNEL TRAININGS

I have provided trainings for public school, private school, charter school, and daycare center teachers, administrators, school nurses, and parents across the United States for the past 20+ years. A few topics I’ve covered are below:

- Managing and Preventing Bullying
- Puberty and Sexual Development of Teens with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Understanding and Managing Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder at School
- Impact of Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences on Educational Outcomes
- Addressing School-Based Racism and Its Impact on Educational and Behavioral Health Outcomes
- Educating Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

SELECT COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES [2015-2021 only]

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- “Stop Bullying!” Full day anti-bullying workshop for kindergarten to 5th grades. Velasquez Elementary School, Richmond, TX. April 10, 2015
 - Friends of the Houston Ebony Opera Guild fundraising and marketing committee, 2015-2020
 - POWER SET Induction Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, Wharton High School, October 2016
 - Rare Disease Day. The Health Museum, Houston, Texas. February 24, 2018.
 - International Voices Houston, tenor, 2017 to 2019
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