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Strengthening families & communities from the ground up.

Expert panelists/Co-conveners & bios:

Zindu Salih, Director of Operations, Families Canada

Zindu Salih is the Director of Operations at Families Canada, overseeing the design, development and implementation of programs and projects. She also oversees the organization's HR, administration and finance. Her academic and professional background is in international development and project management. She brings over 10 years of experience in an international setting. Before moving to Canada, she worked with the United Nations in the Maldives, Sri Lanka, India and East Timor. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Waikato, New Zealand and a Master's degree in International Development and Management from Lund University, Sweden.

Dr. Mohammed Baobaid, founder and Executive Director, Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration (MRCSSI)

Dr. Baobaid earned his doctoral degree from the institute of Psychology at the University of Erlangen Nuremberg in Germany. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Western University. For 30 years he has conducted research on families and children and youth at risk of violence and developing culturally appropriate responses in Yemen and Canada. Based on the outcome of his research, a culturally integrative model of family violence responses has been developed and implemented.

Keishia Facey, Project Manager, One Vision One Voice project, Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS)

Keishia Facey joined OACAS as the Project Manager for the One Vision One Voice project in June 2020. Prior to joining OACAS, Keishia worked to address the disparities and disproportionalities that exist for Black children, youth, and families in both the service delivery and policy levels across many sectors, including education, mental health, and child welfare. Her range of experience has contributed to the strategic direction, thought leadership, and advocacy to bring awareness to anti-Black racism in her community and across the province. Keishia has led provincial projects on confronting anti-Black racism within the (former) Ministry of Children and Youth

Services, Legal Aid Ontario, the Regional Municipality of Durham, and the Durham District School Board. Keishia has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Master of Arts in Public Policy, Administration and Law from York University.

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