

# Partnering with Families Across Cultures More Than Just an Invitation & Translation



**May 11, 2017**  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Cooperative for Human Services  
420 Bedford Street, Suite 100 in Lexington

Join thought leaders in the world of disability advocacy as they share their perspectives on how to effectively partner with families from culturally diverse backgrounds. Attendees will learn strategies for bridging gaps in communication, cultural beliefs, and attitudes around disability, as well as increasing the participation and leadership of parents from diverse backgrounds.

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Offered by the Northeast Region of Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change in partnership with TASH – New England.



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**Ralph Edwards, MPH, MPA** is the father of Jon Kofi and Brent Edwards. He is President of TASH, an international disability advocacy/social justice organization. Ralph recently retired from the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services where he directed the Office of Citizen Leadership.



**Susan Yuan** is the mother of 3 grown children, the youngest of whom has Angelman Syndrome. She raised her children primarily in Taiwan and Hong Kong. Her curriculum, *Family Support, Culture and Disability* has reached families, self-advocates, and professionals in more than 30 states and territories.

