

**Cultural Communities and Families at Peace Roundtable
Status Update, November 2022**

The vision of the “Cultural Communities and Families at Peace” roundtable is to create a cultural community network in which there is a sustained focus on strengthening peace in families. This is a network where learning, sharing, co-creating, and advocating takes place to positively influence a sense of peace, reduce stigma and stereotyping by others about cultural community violence. Through our roundtable and community engagement, we aim to support cultural communities to act together to strengthen peace in their families and their communities.

For the past few months, the “Cultural Communities and Families at Peace” roundtable working group has been orienting the two co-chairs for our roundtable and having them work alongside the working group to finalize the DNA document, a core document that establishes the context, purpose, and the core values that guide the action plan and development of the roundtable.

We are currently in the stage of roundtable development, creating a core discovery framework to guide our ongoing work and guide our plan of action as we begin situating the specific goals of each roundtable. This document was designed to provide the Families at Peace working group with a clear vision as a means to engage diverse and inclusive cultural communities in conversations of peace in communities. The goal of this discovery framework was to outline key questions, guiding principles, define key terms, and explore peace and conflict through various lenses.

Our next step is to begin communicating the purpose, vision, outcomes, and proposed engagements of the roundtable with participants. Our plan is to work towards bringing community members together for our first community engagement early in the new year.

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