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Dr. Dionna Latimer-Hearn is a multilingual SLP and educational consultant and has held positions in Illinois, France, Japan, Maryland, and Texas. She is the inaugural recipient of the NBASLH Clinician of the Year Award and the WERA World Congress Most Innovative Poster Award.

Dr. Latimer-Hearn is the founder of the *Respect the Dialect* online community, the host of *The Culture We Speak Podcast*, and the Founder and Education Director of *REACT Initiative*, a Christian nonprofit advocating for equity in education.

AS FEATURED ON...



PROMOTING EQUITY IN EDUCATION



REACT Initiative, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that addresses barriers impeding the educational access and success of individuals from historically marginalized populations. We identify and address unjust educational practices while contributing to the continued development of professionals serving diverse populations.

Respect the Dialect is an online community established to foster dialogue about African American English (AAE). This community is meant to encourage respect for the dialect and support educators and speech-language pathologists in advocating for AAE-speaking communities.



The Culture We Speak is a podcast and online community examining the intersection of culture, language, and education. On this platform we decenter mainstream gaze and offer resources to improve educator effectiveness in serving global majority populations.

Business Turning Point is an online community that was created to foster open dialogue about developing and promoting education-based business. We maintain a safe space for individuals to ask questions and gain insight relating to their entrepreneurial endeavors.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS INCLUDE...

African American English | Cultural-Linguistic Diversity | Race and Class Equity in Education
School-to-Confinement Pipeline | Disproportionality in Special Education | Language Variation
Racism and Discrimination | Equitable Assessment and Service Delivery in Schools

PREVIOUS CLIENTS...



INTERNATIONAL WORK...



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Awards and Accolades:

- Inaugural Recipient of NBSALH Clinician of the Year Award – 2022
- Inaugural Speaker at NBSALH Loyola University of Maryland - 2021
- World Education Research Association World Congress Inaugural Most Innovative Poster Award - 2018
- American Educational Research Association (AERA) Minority Dissertation Fellowship Award - 2017
- Multicultural Grant Project Award - 2001

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