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Facing the Rising Sun:

Perspectives on African American Family and Child Well-Being

Drawing upon personal and professional experiences, Oronde Miller offers a refreshing contribution to the discussion about the well-being of African American families and children. This collection of essays is a must read for anyone concerned about African American families, and the improvement of this nation's child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Facing The Rising Sun begins with an impassioned call to personal and professional activism. In the essays that follow Miller draws upon his own personal and professional experiences to highlight the importance of nurturing families and communities, highlighting the deeper significance and beauty inherent in opportunities for creating families for children and youth in need. He continues to point out problematic features of this nation's systems for supporting children, youth and families, while offering a vision for what a set of youth and family-serving systems dedicated to supporting and healing children, families and communities could look like.

Evident throughout these essays is Oronde Miller's clear love and belief in the transformative potential of African American families and communities, as well as the potential for improvement and increased relevance for professions intended to support struggling children and families. This collection of essays will inspire all readers to reflect more thoughtfully and critically about the transformative possibilities for this nation's human service systems, as well as our individual and collective roles in the work of healing African American families.

Human service professionals, judges and legal professionals, social work educators and students, as well as interested and concerned community members will thoroughly enjoy reading these essays. Readers are guaranteed to want to further explore and discuss the ideas shared in these essays with others.

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