

Reducing Bias in Education

Data shows that American Indian and African American students are disproportionately represented in special education programs and discipline procedures involving suspensions and expulsions. This finding occurs in Minnesota and across the nation. In 1998, a committee convened to create *A Vision for a Better Education: Reducing Bias in Special Education Assessment for American Indian and African American Students*, a training manual for school professionals and caregivers aiming to reduce the disproportional representation of American Indian and African American students in special education.

Now, fifteen years later, the manual has been revised, under a new committee, to reflect the current literature, data, and implementation of promising practices to address factors that contribute to disproportionate representation of American Indian and African American students. On this site, you will find revisions of previous content and new chapters for the manual, with hyperlinks to help you navigate to data, information, and areas of interest. The material is in pdf format. It is best to have an active Internet link so that you are able to access other materials useful in promoting fair assessment of American Indian and African American students.

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