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OCT 10 - OCT 12 National Black Child Development Institute

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University of Mississippi
601/232-5977

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Montgomery, AL 713/741-2858

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Kansas City, MO 312/294-3448

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Louisville, KY 502/588-6578

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London, England 01-272-4889

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University of Chicago, IL

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Washington, DC 202/333-3855

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Chicago, IL 312/534-5000 X2429

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