

National Summit on America's Cradle to Prison Pipeline[®] Crisis The Children's Defense Fund

September 25-26, 2007
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

PROGRAM AGENDA 9-21-07

Tuesday, September 25

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Blackburn Auditorium
Second floor lobby

Registration for pre-registered Summit participants only

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
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Second floor lobby

Continental Breakfast for pre-registered Summit participants only

Morning Session (for pre-registered Summit participants only)
Rankin Chapel

OPENING

9:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from the Soulful Messiah**

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **Introduction: Dr. Dorothy Height, Chair and President Emerita, National Council of Negro Women**
Welcome to Howard University
Dr. H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University

10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. **Meditation on Why We Are Here**
Reverend Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister Emeritus, Riverside Church and CDF Board Member

10:25 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. **Welcome, Introduction and Overview of Summit's Goals**
Marian Wright Edelman, President, Children's Defense Fund

This session will introduce the honorary co-chairs of the Summit, **Dr. Dorothy Height, Dr. John Hope Franklin, and Dr. Dolores Huerta** and set the stage for activating the action phase of a broad-based National Community Crusade for Children, the social movement needed to dismantle the Pipeline that the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) seeks to catalyze at this Summit. It also will provide an overall framework for the Summit itself. Special emphasis will be placed on the exceptionally high personal, family

and societal toll the Pipeline exacts, the striking failure of our nation to recognize its existence, and to take the urgent and sustained actions needed on the policy, programmatic and investment fronts to redress the multiple, convergent factors that fuel it.

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Overview of Summit Objectives and Program

**Angela Glover Blackwell
Overall Summit Moderator,
Founder and CEO, PolicyLink
and CDF Board Member**

**DISMANTLING AMERICA’S CRADLE TO PRISON PIPELINE:
WHAT WILL IT TAKE?**

**PART I.
MOBILIZING PUBLIC DEMAND AND POLITICAL WILL
For pre-registered Summit participants only**

10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. “What About the Children?” Yolanda Adams song with Slide Presentation of Photographs of Children in the Pipeline by Veteran *Time* Magazine Photographer Steve Liss

10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Introduction: Robert F. Vagt, President Emeritus, Davidson College and Chair, CDF Board of Directors

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Dr. John Hope Franklin, James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of History, Duke University

11:15 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Introduction: Carol Biondi, California’s State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency and CDF Board Member

11:20 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. Dr. Dolores Huerta, President, Dolores Huerta Foundation and Co-founder and First Vice President Emeritus, United Farm Workers of America

11:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. Interaction between Speakers and Summit Participants (Angela Glover Blackwell presiding)

The opening addresses seek to provide a historical context for the Summit by highlighting key past achievements, the serious continuing challenges and unfinished agenda through the lens of the Black and Latino communities, and to build the requisite power base to prevent and dismantle the Pipeline. They will be followed by an interactive dialogue with Summit participants including Theodore Shaw, Director-Counsel and President,

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund commenting on the role of race in the Pipeline.

12:05 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Participants transit to Blackburn East Ballroom

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Buffet Luncheon for Pre-registered Summit Participants Only**
Blackburn East Ballroom

Invocation

Rev. Emma Jordan-Simpson, Executive Director, CDF New York, former Associate Pastor, The Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, N.Y.

1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Participants transit to Cramton Auditorium

PART II.

REWEAVING THE FABRIC OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Open to the public on a first come, first serve basis.

Email tmainero@childrensdefense.org to request tickets

1:50 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **The Need for Personal and Community Responsibility to Dismantle the Cradle to Prison Pipeline**
Cramton Auditorium

Moderator: Juan Williams, Senior Correspondent, *National Public Radio*

Dr. Bill Cosby, Educator, Entertainer, and Author, including *Come On People: On the Path from Victims to Victors*, with Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint

Dr. Robert Michael Franklin Jr., President, Morehouse College, Author of *Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities*

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Perspectives of Youth and Parents**
Cramton Auditorium

Moderator: Sue Badeau, Executive Director, Philadelphia Children's Commission

Discussants:

Donnie Belcher Boyd, Youth Advocate, Chicago, Ill.

Mickey McKinney, Youth Advocate, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lupe Ortiz-Tovar, Youth Advocate, Tucson, Ariz.

Hung Pham, Youth Advocate, New York, N.Y.

Jasbir Singh, Youth Advocate, New York, N.Y.

Lorna Hogan, Parent Advocate, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Wanda Taylor, Parent Advocate, Minneapolis, Minn.

This session will be an honest and provocative dialogue with parents and youth, some of whom have been caught in one or more of the key feeder points into the Pipeline, and all of whom are now working to help keep others from entering or being trapped in the Pipeline. Mothers and fathers, many of whom have confronted the Pipeline themselves, know all too intimately the struggles and perils faced in fulfilling caregiving roles for children and youth amid often profound personal and family challenges and unsupportive environments and systems. Through this intimate sharing of experiences, the session hopes to illuminate the very real but often insidious factors that funnel children and youth into the Pipeline and how this affects their lives and that of their families. It also seeks to provide valuable insights from those who have faced the Pipeline head-on about the most urgently needed preventive and other interventions and escape paths.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Cramton Auditorium

**Promising Approaches to End Violence and
Strengthen Communities in Dismantling the Pipeline**

**Moderator: J. Michael Solar, Esq., Solar & Padilla LLP and
CDF Board Member**

Discussants:

**Reverend Dr. Ray Hammond, Chair, Boston Foundation and
Chairman and Co-Founder, Boston Ten Point Coalition**

**Dr. Carl C. Bell, President and CEO, Community Mental
Health Council and Foundation, Inc.**

**Dr. David Kennedy, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and
Founder of Operation Ceasefire**

**David Valladolid, President and CEO of the Parent Institute
For Quality Education (PIQE)**

In the past, parents, neighbors, faith-based and educational institutions and communities were expected to and did assume major responsibilities for keeping children and youth safe, within their families and out of child welfare and juvenile and criminal justice systems, by providing positive adult role models and helping to guide them along paths to success in school and beyond. Today, pervasive poverty, unemployment, rampant substance abuse, widespread crime and violence fuel already high and increasing rates of incarceration of children, youth, and their parents. Popular culture frequently demeans academic achievement and glorifies violence and disrespect of others, including women. Together, these forces have seriously eroded

traditional values and undermined family and community stability. This session will explore successful multi-pronged strategies to create new community norms to quell violence and to engage key community stakeholders to *buffer* children and youth from entering the Pipeline and facilitate the *sustained exit* of those who already have entered it.

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Summit Participants Transit to Dinner

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Blackburn East Ballroom

Dinner for Pre-registered Summit Participants

**Presider: Katie McGrath, Child Advocate, Los Angeles, CA
and CDF Board Member**

Invocation

Howard University Jazz Ensemble

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Summit Participants Transit to Cramton Auditorium for Evening Panel

PART III.

Moderator: Angela Glover Blackwell

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Cramton Auditorium

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Transforming Popular Culture into a Positive Force to Help
Dismantle the Cradle to Prison Pipeline**

Discussants:

**Geoff Canada, President and CEO, Harlem Children's Zone
and CDF Board Member**

**Dr. Edward Cornwell, Chief of Adult Trauma and Professor,
Johns Hopkins Hospital**

Christy Haubegger, Founder, *Latina Magazine*

Angie Stone, Singer and Composer

Prominent community leaders and positive role models for children and youth are needed from the entertainment world to share their views on what it will take to transform the negative influences that permeate so much of today's national and youth culture into more positive forces to affect the family, community and societal changes required to foster healthy child and youth development. They will help formulate a call to action for promoting positive and productive lifestyles for children and youth

and helping change community and cultural norms about violence, underachievement and prison.

9:00 p.m. - 9:55 p.m.
Cramton Auditorium

Endangered Black Males: Racial Injustice and the Pipeline
The Jena Six

Robert Bailey, Student
Casiphla Bailey, Mother
Theo Shaw, Student
Tracie Washington, Esq., Louisiana Justice Project
Constance “Connie” Curry, Esq., Writer, Activist, and Fellow,
Institute for Women’s Studies, Emory University,
Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. Alan Bean, Executive Director, Friends of Justice and
Minister, Tulia, Tex.

This session will provide a stark example of how poverty and race converge to pull males of color into the Cradle to Prison Pipeline by highlighting the blatantly unjust charging of six Black high school males in Jena, Louisiana on adult felony charges. Not an isolated incident, this case once again reveals continuing serious racial disparities in charges brought, decisions made and sentences rendered in our criminal justice system.

9:55 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Closing: Marian Wright Edelman

Wednesday, September 26

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Blackburn Auditorium
Second floor lobby

Registration for pre-registered Summit Participants only

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast for pre-registered Summit participants only

Blackburn East Ballroom

9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.
Blackburn East Ballroom

Meditation: Rev. Dr. Bernard Richardson, Dean of Rankin Chapel, Howard University

PART IV.

PRIORITY SYSTEMIC REFORMS TO DISMANTLE THE PIPELINE: IMPROVING THE MAJOR FEEDER SYSTEMS’ TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

For pre-registered Summit participants only

Major reforms in key contributing factors and feeder systems are urgently needed to halt the Pipeline. This session will focus on interventions and systems which can and must play powerful roles in protecting children from rather than feeding them into and

trapping them in the Pipeline. These include the health and mental health, early childhood care and development, education, child welfare, and juvenile justice systems. Discussants will share promising strategies from selected communities and states to ameliorate risks, and provide major recommendations to redress the Pipeline from the perspective of the respective system. Special importance will be assigned to the need for scaling up and linking these strategies to achieve the greatest impact for children and youth and to help inform the larger action plan to reroute children to successful adulthood.

9:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
Blackburn East Ballroom

Advancing Child Health, Mental Health, Early Childhood Development, Education and Poverty Reduction

**Moderator: James Forman, Jr. Associate Professor,
Georgetown Law School, Co-founder of Maya Angelou
Charter School, Washington, D.C. and CDF Board
Member**

Discussants:

**Dr. Jane Knitzer, Executive Director, National Center on
Children in Poverty**

**Bill McNeal, Executive Director, North Carolina Association of
School Administrators and former School
Superintendent of Wake County, Raleigh, N.C.**

**Peter Edelman, Co-Chair, Task Force on Poverty, Center for
American Progress, and Professor, Georgetown Law
Center**

**Dr. Michelle J. Staples-Horne, Pediatrician, State Medical
Director, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice and
President-Elect, Society for Correctional Physicians**

**Dr. John P. May, Chief Medical Officer of Armor Correctional
Health Services, Miami, Fla.**

11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Break**

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Blackburn East Ballroom

**Improving the Courts and Child Welfare
and Juvenile Justice Systems**

Moderator: Charles Ogletree, Professor, Harvard Law School

Discussants:

**Honorable Judith Kaye, Chief Judge of the State of New York
William Bell, President and CEO, Casey Family Programs**

Jeremy Travis, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**Pili Robinson, Senior Consultant, Missouri Youth Services
Institute**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Blackburn East Ballroom

Buffet Luncheon for Summit Participants

**Invocation: Rev. Gordon Cosby, Church of the Saviour,
Washington, D.C.**

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Participants Transit to Rankin Chapel

PART V.
BRINGING US ALL TOGETHER TO DISMANTLE THE CRADLE TO PRISON
PIPELINE

For pre-registered Summit participants only

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Rankin Chapel

Leaders Needed at the Table of Change

**Moderator: Barbara Sabol, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and
Former Commissioner, New York City's Human
Resources Administration**

Discussants:

**Ralph F. Boyd, Jr., Executive Vice President, Community
Relations, Freddie Mac and Chairman, Freddie Mac
Foundation**

**Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary Samuel DeWitt Proctor
Conference**

Donald Cravins, Mayor, Opelousas, La.

**George Flaggs, Mississippi House of Representatives, Chair,
Juvenile Justice Committee, and Member, Dellums
Commission**

**Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, U.S. House of Representatives,
Third Congressional District of Virginia, Chairman of
the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland
Security of the Judiciary Committee--TBC**

**Lisa Quiroz, Senior Vice President of Corporate
Responsibility, Time Warner - TBC**

Representatives from selected fields that also must serve as important allies in any initiative to successfully dismantle the Pipeline will discuss how best to mobilize and engage their respective colleagues in a social movement to this end. These key stakeholders include elected officials, the corporate world, faith communities and foundations.

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Building the Will to Do What We Know Works to Reroute

Rankin Chapel

**Children to Successful Adulthood
Interactive Session with All Summit Participants**

Moderator: Angela Glover Blackwell

Summit participants will be encouraged to share insights gleaned from their own leadership roles within initiatives to dismantle the Pipeline.

4:45 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.
Rankin Chapel

A Call to Action

**Next Steps to Dismantle the Cradle to Prison Pipeline
Marian Wright Edelman**

This will be an inspirational and motivational closing session that will underscore priority steps needed to dismantle the Pipeline, as already identified and discussed, and mobilize each and every one at the Summit to commit fully to working within their own families, communities and networks to this end.

**A Positive Future for our Children
Kansas City CDF Freedom Schools® Video**

Thursday, September 27

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Washington Convention

Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW

Washington, D.C.

**Town Hall hosted by Congressional Black Caucus
“Disrupting the Prison Pipeline”**