

# Cradle to Prison Pipeline® LOUISIANA SUMMIT

*Your Local Schools, Neighborhoods, Families & Children:  
The Challenge Before Us*



October 14-15, 2009  
Catholic Life Center  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

*Presented by Children's Defense Fund - Louisiana*

## ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND

The Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

CDF provides a strong, effective and independent voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves. We pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investments before they get sick, drop out of school, get into trouble or suffer family breakdown.

CDF began in 1973 and is a private, nonprofit organization supported by foundation and corporate grants and individual donations. We have never taken government funds.



**T**he Children's Defense Fund (CDF) - Louisiana is sponsoring a two-day statewide Louisiana Summit to address America's pipeline to prison crisis. The summit is planned for Wednesday, October 14 – Thursday, October 15, 2009, at the Catholic Life Center, 1800 South Acadian Thruway, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Every year, tens of thousands of poor children are funneled into the prison pipeline and down life paths that often lead to arrest, conviction, incarceration and even death. The architecture of this pipeline comprises a complex set of factors that includes poverty, race, lack of quality early childhood education, low-performing schools, lack of access to health and mental health care, broken child welfare and juvenile justice systems, struggling families and depressed communities, and a toxic youth culture.

**The Cradle to Prison Pipeline constitutes a national crisis that has a devastating impact on low-income Black and Latino communities.**

Many boys sucked into the pipeline are virtually precluded from ever becoming productive workers, good husbands and fathers, or contributing members of their communities. Surprisingly, girls are the fastest growing group of incarcerated young people.

We are inviting all faith and community leaders, child advocates, early childhood, health and mental health, child welfare and juvenile justice professionals, educators, lawyers, judges, members of the law enforcement community, elected officials, business leaders, parents and youth themselves to join us in Baton Rouge. **Our goal is to develop powerful strategies for our state to dismantle the pipeline to prison.**

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

*All scheduled events are tentative.*

- Juvenile Justice
- Education and Early Childhood Education
- Health Care and Mental Health Care
- Parenting
- Community Violence
- Poverty
- A Call to Action: Next Steps to Dismantle the Cradle to Prison Pipeline in Louisiana

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Marian Wright Edelman**  
President  
Children's Defense Fund

**Dr. Craig T. Ramey**  
Georgetown University  
Distinguished Professor  
in Health Studies and Psychiatry

**For more information  
and to register online, visit:**  
[www.childrensdefense.org/louisiana](http://www.childrensdefense.org/louisiana)



## SCHEDULING

A tentative agenda for the summit including times and locations of all events as well as panelists can be found on our website. This agenda remains subject to change.

## HOUSING

The Children's Defense Fund has reserved a limited number of rooms for the night of October 14th at the Bishop Tracy Center at the Catholic Life Center and the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Hotels will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Each participant is responsible for reserving and paying for hotel accommodations. Please call the hotel directly and indicate that you are a Cradle to Prison Pipeline® Summit participant by October 2, 2009.

**Bishop Tracy Center**  
(225) 242-0222

*Double only, at a rate of \$55.00 (\$27.00 per person)*

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
(225) 925-2244  
*\$99.00 per person*

## QUESTIONS?

For questions concerning registration, please contact Francis at (504) 309-2376 or email her at [FMitchell-Ware@childrensdefense.org](mailto:FMitchell-Ware@childrensdefense.org)

REGISTRATION FORM  
**Cradle to Prison Pipeline®**  
**LOUISIANA SUMMIT**

Catholic Life Center  
1800 South Acadian Thruway  
October 14-15, 2009 • Baton Rouge, Louisiana

One completed event registration form per participant (not company) is required.

**Registrant Information**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (for Badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Designation: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a student attending the following school: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Addresses**

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Mail Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodations / Lodging:**

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Special Needs (Please let the staff know your special needs at least 7 days before the event.) Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Conference Participation**

*Registration fee covers all sessions,  
meals and materials.*

**Registration Deadline is October 2, 2009.**

	Registration	Total
Exhibitors	\$ <u>50.00</u>	\$ _____
Ads	\$ <u>75.00</u>	\$ _____
Two-Day Event	\$ <u>25.00</u>	\$ _____
Registration Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Support CDF's efforts to dismantle the pipeline to prison.**

\_\_\_ I cannot join you for the *Cradle to Prison Pipeline®* Summit but enclosed is my contribution to support CDF!

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*Send your registration form and contributions to:*  
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1452 N. Broad Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

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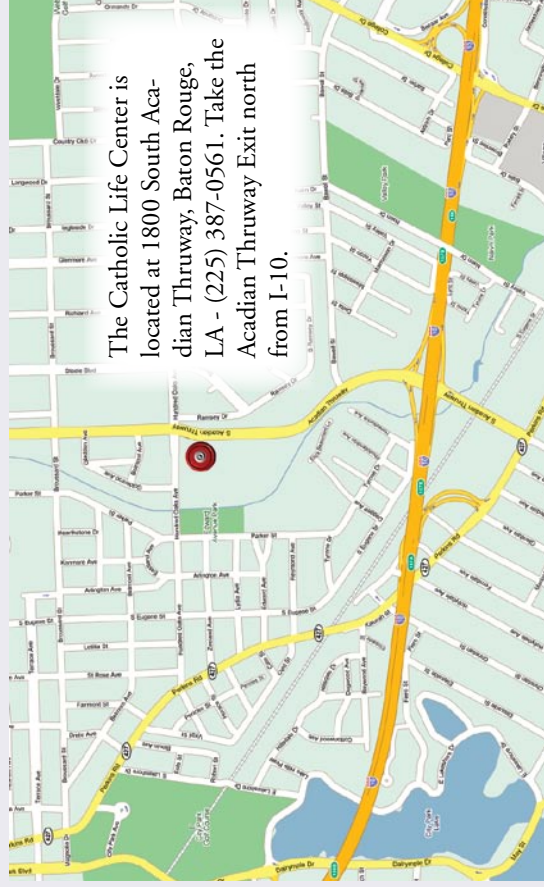
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### Young lives are being wasted.

Fight back at the Cradle to Prison Pipeline® Louisiana Summit! Register by October 2, 2009.



### Mark Your Calendar!

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