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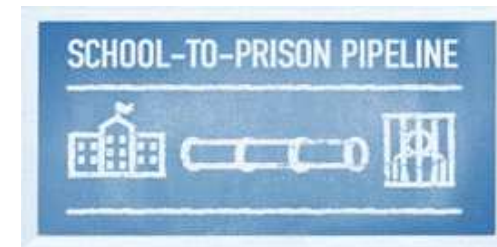
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**Continue learning, discussing, and mobilizing at the next
CAFÉ meeting: Wednesday, Sept 23, 6 PM in the
Dickinson Room of the Main Library**

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Break the School to Prison Pipeline **A Community Forum**



The School to Prison Pipeline results from practices based on zero-tolerance and other school discipline policies that remove students from the classroom. These policies and practices make the criminalization and incarceration of children and youth more likely, and the attainment of a high- quality education less likely.

The day will include a panel of experts and activists addressing the importance of educational policies and practices that can prevent the pipeline, and workshops on issues such as transforming teaching, empowering parents and youth involvement.

Join us for a day of learning, discussing, and mobilizing to address this important national trend and how it affects our community.

This event is sponsored by the Community Forum for Economic Justice, with the active involvement of numerous organizations and individuals concerned with the achievement of social and economic justice.

Saturday, September 12th, 2015 • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Indiana University South Bend • Wiekamp Hall Room 1001

- 08:30 AM Registration begins, coffee and tea available
- 09:00 AM Welcome & Program Plans for the Day
- 09:10 AM **"What Do We Know About the School-to-Prison Pipeline?" A Conversation with Russ Skiba**
Dr. Skiba is the Director of the Equity Project at Indiana University Bloomington
- 10:30 AM Panel Discussion
"How could State and School Corporation policies eliminate the School to Prison Pipeline?"
A panel of experts and activists will address the importance of educational policies and practices that can prevent the pipeline. Participants include Indiana State Representative Gregory Porter, a representative of the South Bend School Board of Trustees, local teacher and education activist Regina Williams Preston and youth organizer Carlil Pittman from VOYCE (Voices of Youth in Chicago Education).
- 12:00 PM Lunch at the Grill & "Time to Network"

WORKSHOP SESSION ONE

- 1:00 to 2:25 PM **TOPIC #1 - "Redirect the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Restorative Justice Works"**
Restorative justice offers a viable alternative to the school-to-prison pipeline. This workshop will introduce participants to what restorative justice is and how it holds students accountable while keeping them in school. Participants also will have a chance to experience how restorative justice works, and to explore next steps for bringing restorative justice to local schools.

TOPIC #2 - "Unleashing the Power of Parents"

This session will engage a panel of parents who are striving to be active in their children's education. Hear firsthand what has worked, what hasn't, and how parents can implement change in their own relationship with the schools.

TOPIC #3 - "The Voices of Our Youth"

This workshop will offer a chance for all of us to hear and learn from those most affected by the School to Prison Pipeline.

WORKSHOP SESSION TWO

2:35 to 4:00 PM

TOPIC #4 - "Teaching to Transform the School to Prison Pipeline"

This session features Elkhart Central Teacher Janet Riley and IU South Bend School of Education Dean and Professor, Marvin Lynn. They will address underlying social, political, and economic issues that shape and influence schools, especially examining how race and racism have shaped educational policy and practice. They also will lead a discussion of the policy changes necessary to provide a foundation for changing teaching practices that currently are damaging under-served populations in our schools.

TOPIC #5 - "Resources, Opportunities, & Solutions to Break the Pipeline"

This session will explore existing resources within our own community that provide exposure and awareness of the pipeline and its effects, as well as opportunities available to youth and families who have fallen prey, and preventative programs for at-risk youth. In addition to providing these resources as a list for distribution, a select number of organizations will also give a brief presentation on how they are a part of the solution. This session will end with Q&A and discussion on further resolutions to break the pipeline.