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National Symposium: Bridging the Gap Between the
Community and the Criminal Justice System

June 14-16, 2017



Calvary Baptist Church

2012 E. 83rd Street

Chicago, IL 60617

Greetings:

It is with great pleasure that the Institute for Social Justice, Inc., The Chicago Urban League, The Link and Option Center, and Taylor Business Institute present this national symposium "Bridging the Gap Between the Community and the Criminal Justice System" June 14-16, 2017 at Calvary Baptist Church located at 2012 E. 83rd Street in Chicago, IL. This symposium is designed to help administrators, law enforcement, community activist and citizen have a meaningful dialogue that helps re-establish relationships that have been broken and re-build trust between the criminal justice system and the community at large. Chicago has been spotlighted but it is not the only city in which violence has erupted over the past year. It is our job as citizens of the world to come together to find ways to redeem ourselves, move forward in healthier ways, and reduce the impact of turmoil in our communities.

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The Function of the Criminal Justice System and Community at Large: There is no single criminal justice system in the United States but rather many similar, individual systems made up of police, courts, and corrections. How the criminal justice system works in each area depends on the jurisdiction in charge and the values and attitudes of the people holding administrative positions. City, County, state, federal, tribal government, or military installations all have a part to play but the overarching theme is to provide for public safety. What happens when these systems seem to have a break down in their primary mission? Different jurisdictions have different laws and ways of managing the process. This session is designed to fully explore how the criminal justice system is designed to operate within the communities in which it serves. The presenter will explore operations and what has broken down that has contributed to malfunction and problematic events.

Violence in the Community: The Impact it has on Youth: While bullies, gangs, weapons, and substance abuse all contribute to the fear experienced by many of today's students, violence in America's neighborhoods and communities cannot be overlooked. Notwithstanding the sometimes unfounded and overgeneralized fear and apprehension about violence among children and adults, often fueled by the media, violence in America is a legitimate concern for everyone. The cost of growing up in economically disadvantaged communities filled with violence will be examined in this session and the impact it has on developing youth's attitudes, values, beliefs, and even physical development.

Use of deadly Force: The Aftermath of Crime and How Communities are affected: Laws, practices, and training programs regarding the use of deadly force in community have consequences which deeply affect application in communities and how communities view law enforcement. This workshop will explore the practical impact on residents when deadly force is used, how the media portrayals affect how citizens view the outcomes and more.

Hate Crimes: Bias and Beliefs: "How do we create Cultural Acceptance and Diversity?" For the purposes of collecting statistics, the FBI has defined a **hate crime** as a "criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity." These crimes are related to attitude, values, and beliefs about one another learned through families and experiences. This session explores how a paradigm shift is needed in teaching tolerance, addresses the philosophical intentions of laws created to demean and diminish groups of people, and addresses the historical underpinnings that have led to social-economic issues which have created this fertile environment of intolerance.

What it takes to build a "trust" and "Mutual respect: Collaboration, Partnerships and Networking: Trust is not something you can take for granted. It takes months—sometimes years—to build. Unfortunately, it can be lost overnight. Leaders can develop mutually-beneficial community partnerships. Cooperation entails a much higher level of commitment and trust. This session will explore how to proceed from networking to collaboration, which takes on more complexity and working together.

Emergency Preparedness: Being ready for whatever happens is essential to addressing community needs. This session examines if your agency is ready to address ways to reduce violence in the community through cooperation, respect, transparency and love. Yes, love for fellow human beings and mechanisms to become prepared.

The correlation between law enforcement history and the underlying intentions of policy, laws, and good will: This session takes a hard look at the laws and socioeconomic issues that have created the fertile ground for the environment we find ourselves facing. We address the philosophical intentions that have led to creating laws that demean groups of people and discuss ways to forge new

Working Together to create a culture of understanding: Cultural Awareness is the foundation of communication and it involves the ability of standing back from ourselves and becoming aware of our cultural values, beliefs and perceptions. Why do we do things in that way? How do we see the world? Why do we react in that particular way? How does our reactions impact the jobs that we do in the justice system? Cultural awareness becomes central when we have to interact with people from other cultures and belief systems. People see, interpret and evaluate things in a different way. What is considered an appropriate behavior in one culture is frequently inappropriate in another one. Misunderstandings arise when I use my meanings to make sense of your reality. This workshop will examine how misunderstanding leads to creating gaps in communities and what can be done to bridge those gaps.

Faith Community in Action: The Importance of Clergy in Bridging the Gap:

Clergy are some of the main and important formal and informal leaders within communities. Not only are they shepherds to their flock but often are involved in community issues. Never underestimate the power of the pulpit. The roles and functions of clergy vary in different regions. This workshop examines how clergy act as liaisons between the community and the criminal justice system. Several noted leaders of small and large churches examine during a panel discussion the role faith based initiatives have played in bridging the gap. What has worked, is yet needed, and what has not worked will be explored by faith leaders. A call to action for what still needs to be done to help link systems of faith and the secular together for the good of all will be discussed.

Am I my Brother's Keeper? As administrators and participants of the justice system, we are responsible when we provoke others, fail to act responsibly, and fail to take care of our fellow citizens. Should we feel any responsibility for how our actions influence the actions of others? This workshop explores and examines the attitudes of the community towards the justice system and how the justice system contributes to perceptions.

Meaningful re-entry to bridge the gap: there has been an increasing interest in understanding what makes reentry programs successful. This workshop will examine how re-entry programs are key to reintegration into society and balance in the justice system.

A special session for Community residents and activist: This session is designed to enhance knowledge for social activist and community to promote, and direct social, political, economic, and/or environmental reform to increase the desired improvements.

Destigmatizing Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System: The Importance of the Transition back to the Community. The percentage of individuals with mental health disorders engaged or at risk for engagement in the criminal justice system has increased dramatically in the past two decades. Knowledge and resources available to law enforcement professionals and site-specific barriers associated with incarceration and community reentry pose further challenges to healthcare provision for these individuals. This session will describe existing practices and services, as well as new initiative by Cook County Health & Hospitals System and strategic partners, which are in place to address the needs of this vulnerable and growing population

Parenting: The importance of healthy parenting to create healthy citizens is examined and how support is needed to reduce violence. This session will take a strong look at the role parents play in contributing to the development of healthy values, attitudes, and beliefs and in particular the ability to withstand peer pressures, complete educational requirements, and become productive in society.

Strategies for Responding to Conflict and Violence: Concrete and practical mechanisms to respond to violence will be explored during this session.

Workshop Descriptions Continued

Immigration Bridging more than the language Barrier: Whether they are making a routine traffic stop or investigating a homicide, law enforcement officers need to be able to communicate effectively to do their jobs. Yet, with the United States in the midst of the largest wave of immigration since the late 19th and early 20th centuries, incidents occur in which an officer is unable to communicate with an individual who does not speak English well—have become increasingly common. As a result, many law enforcement agencies around the nation are dealing with unfamiliar languages as they work to ensure public safety. Overcoming these challenges is essential. When language barriers prevent immigrants from, say, reporting a crime or describing a suspect, it becomes harder for officers to provide protection or gather evidence. And police often work in high pressure situations where communication needs to happen quickly. This session will examine effective ways to work with immigrants.

Church Security: The rise of violent crime means not only does law enforcement have a problem but so does the church. The rise in deadly shootings and other crimes has disproportionately visited churches, driving the leaders of many houses of God to increase their preparedness for the unthinkable. Primary areas of church risk and security will be examined during this session along with strategies that can be used to increase safety for all.

Gangs: Intervention and Suppression: The proliferation of youth gangs since 1980 has fueled the public's fear and magnified possible misconceptions about youth gangs. To address the mounting concern about youth gangs, this workshop session will explore ways to provide opportunities for intervention and how to suppress gang activity in communities. This workshop will delve into many of the key issues related to youth gangs including gang migration, gang growth, female involvement with gangs, homicide, drugs and violence, and the needs of communities.

Community Policing in Action: Community policing is based on the premise that partnerships between police and citizens will help increase public safety and reduce crime. A seemingly simple concept, community policing actually requires a complex and challenging mix of changes to a police department's organizational culture and structure. These changes are usually combined with innovative approaches to fighting or preventing crime that may call for extensive community cooperation, planning, and outreach. This session will explore how to become successful partners and the steps needed.

Crisis Intervention: This workshop will explore the methods used to offer immediate, short-term help to individuals who experience an event that produces emotional, mental, physical, and behavioral distress or problems.

A Special Session for Police Officers with Dr. Lee P. Brown: This session will offer practical methods and discussion geared towards operations and working with citizens based on the fact that police are citizens themselves who happen to be paid to do the job that all citizens should be engaging in—public safety. In the current political climate and given the medias highlight of unarmed citizens killings, this workshop examines how transparency of honest mistakes should be shared, maintaining integrity, and doing the job in a heated environment.

Closing Session: Panel Discussion of Recommendations: This session will summarize the recommendations that evolved from the workshop and how this information will be shared with administrators and activist to impact further change.

How the Pensacola, FL Police Department is working with its communities: This workshop shows changes made to improve relationships with citizens and increase public safety.

Hotel Reservation



The Oak Lawn Hilton

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Room Rate: \$129.00 += 15% tax

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- Complimentary shuttle to and from Midway Airport, upon request
- Complimentary parking for all hotel and event guest
- Indoor pool and newly renovated Fitness Center for hotel guests

Deadline for Hotel Reservations is May 14, 2017 Rates may be higher after this date. *Mention Institute for Social Justice or TBI for the rates*

Three miles south of Chicago Midway Airport and located 15 miles from downtown.

NOTE:

Transportation to Calvary Church: Uber and Lyft



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2017 TENATIVE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

7:30 am-3:30 pm	Registration
8:30 am -9:30 am	Plenary Session
9:30 am -10:30 am	Workshop session I
10:30 am -10:45 am	Break
10:45 am-11:45	Workshop session II
11:45 am-1:00 pm	Lunch and featured Keynote Speaker
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Workshop session III
2:00 pm-2:15 PM	Break
2:15 pm-3:15	Workshop session

Thursday, June 15, 2017

7:30 am-3:30 pm	Registration
8:30 am -9:30 am	Opening session
9:30 am-10:30 am	Workshop session IV
10:30 am -10:45	Break
10:45 am -11:45 am	Workshop session V
11:45-1:00 PM	Lunch and featured Keynote Speaker
1:00 pm-2:15 pm	Workshop session VI
2:15 pm-2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm-3:15 pm	Workshop session VII
3:15 pm-4:00 pm	Closing session and raffle

Friday, June 16, 2017

7:30 am-11:00 am	Registration
8:30 am -9:30 am	Opening session
9:30 am-10:30 am	Workshop session VIII
10:30 am-11:45 am	Workshop session XI
11:45 am-12:00 pm	Break and Raffle (Flat screen TVs, Chicago Bears Autographed Photo and more)
12:00 pm-1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm-2:30 pm	Workshop session X
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	Wrap up and closing session

FEATURED PRESENTORS



Dr. Lee P. Brown, former mayor of Houston, Texas and drug czar to the Clinton Administration

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Tommy Dortch- National President



Dr. Kenya Key-Chief Psychologist at Cermak Health Center-Cook County Dept. of Corrections



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Keith Humphrey, Norman, Oklahoma

Supt. Eddie Johnson-Chicago Police Department

James Latham, U.S. Attorney Virgin Islands

Senator Danny K. Davis

Dr. George Datesman, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dr. James Barren, retired Detroit Police Chief

Congressman Bobby Rush

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