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18th Annual Black Males State Conference, "Healing and Inspiring Men of Color"

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

Indianapolis, IN - The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males will host their annual conference on October 16, 2018 in the Indiana Government Center South, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. The conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast and will conclude at 4:30 p.m. This year's conference has both a youth component and adult component, so the Commission is encouraging youth, adults, policy makers, elected officials, and any Hoosiers that has the desire to change the conditions of Black males in Indiana to attend.

"Healing and Inspiring Men of Color"

Topic Discussions— Education and Employment

Black Males Social and Community Activism

Health and Wellness

Entrepreneurship Empowerment

The Commission anticipates participants from across Indiana to attend this annual event and will include leaders from education, the faith based community, health stakeholders, community activist, elected officials and supporters to share information and resources to empower men of color. "Our annual conference gives leaders, policy makers, and elected officials the opportunity to discuss the issues facing the Black males and all men of color. By annually hosting our statewide conference we get an opportunity to craft and create blueprints to increase Black male achievement." said ICSSBM Chairman Kenneth Allen.

The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males was legislatively established in 1993, to identify and recommend public and legislative remedies to improve the economic, educational, health, criminal justice, and social status of Black males in Indiana. The mission of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males is to study the social conditions of the state's Black male population, seek to develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and make recommendations to improve the educational, social, economic, employment, and other circumstances for Hoosiers.

Media is invited