

Dear Colleagues,

Join me and community leaders from across the State of Indiana at the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males' 2015 State Conference on **October 13th (8:30am - 4:30pm) at the Indiana Government Center South (302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis)** Come hear experts and case studies of initiatives on topics related to education, criminal justice and more. We discuss strategies committed to supporting the lives of black males!

This conference is designed to educate and inform (educators, elected officials, faith based leaders, non-profit/community based organizations, mentors and community leaders) from across Indiana on best practices to improve the social conditions of black males.

To register for the conference visit ICSSBMconference.eventbrite.com

Registration for the conference is \$35 which includes:

- Access to the October 12th pre-conference reception at the Columbia Club at 5:30pm
- Breakfast and lunch during the conference
- Access to the ICSSBM "Data Report" and local and national "Best Practices - Tool Kit"

*Some of our featured speakers will include: **Kevin Powell** (Author and National Speaker) **Dr. Michael Twyman** (Your Life Matters), **Roderick Wheeler**, **Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson** (Gary), **Senator Greg Taylor**, **Representative Vernon Smith**, **Willis Bright** (Bright Visions Consulting), **Patricia Roe** (USA FUNDS), **Richard Hite** (Indianapolis Chief of Police) **and many more!***

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Registered conference attendees will be invited to our pre-conference reception on October 12th at 5:30pm (EST) at the Columbia Club (121 Monument Circle, Downtown Indianapolis) RSVP is highly recommended. This reception is sponsored by **Pillow Logistics and NIPSCO**. For more information contact us at (317) 233-1744 or jgarrett@icssbm.in.gov

Sincerely,

Adrienne M. Shields, Commissioner

Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males

THE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

8:00am- 8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast

INSIGHTS ON THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: POLICIES THAT IMPACT BLACK MALES

A panel of members from the Indiana General Assembly

THE STORIES, LESSONS AND IMPACT OF THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

A presentation from leaders in the Black Lives Matter movement

HOW CITIES ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT BLACK MALES FACE

A panel of Mayors and local leaders sharing their thoughts and perspectives

WHAT ONE CITY IS DOING TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF BLACK MALES

A presentation on how the City of Indianapolis developed their city-wide black male initiative

MODELS AND STRATEGIES FOR EDUCATING BLACK MALES

A presentation on how one school model is changing the game for young black males academically.

RACIAL DISPARITY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

A panel of local and state leaders sharing their thoughts and perspectives on young black males in the criminal justice system.

THE SUPPORTIVE ROLE THAT FUNDERS PLAY AROUND BLACK MALE INITIATIVES

Local and national funders share how their organizations support programming that advance the lives of young black males.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Conference attendees share and exchange their reflections on the day and provide additional ideas on how to move the lives of black males forward in Indiana.

4:30pm EST Closing Remarks