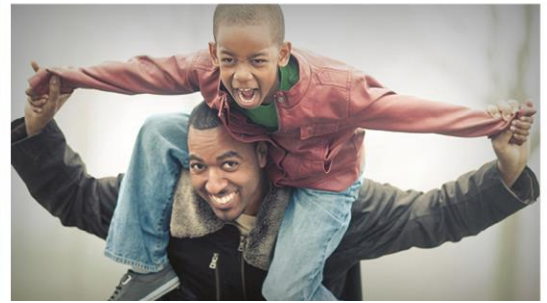


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A Convening to Further Efforts to Reduce Violence and Violence-Related Deaths of African American Men and Boys



Wednesday, April 29

Open all day
Level 4

Resource Fair
Hosted by Frontline Solutions

Open all day
Level 5

Registration

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Mayors and Philanthropy Building Strong Cities Breakfast
By invitation only

11:30 – 12:15 p.m.
Salon H-J

Lunch

12:15 – 12:55 p.m.
Salon H-J

Welcome/ City Roll Call/ Opening Remarks
Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Philadelphia, PA

12:55 – 2:45 p.m.
Salon H-J

Why Race Matters – Perspectives and Discussion
An opportunity to hear from Cities United principals and youth/millennials about the current experiences of African American males in America

Perspectives

Jamira Burley, Cities United Youth Subcommittee Lead; *Mayor Michael A. Nutter*, Philadelphia, PA

Panelists

Dr. William C. Bell, Casey Family Programs; *Shawn Dove*, Campaign for Black Male Achievement; *Jamarr Hall*, Philadelphia, PA; *Damon Hewitt*, Open Society Foundations/Executive Alliance for Improving Outcomes for Boys and Men of Color; *Jordan Howard*, GenYNot; *Solomon Jones*, WURD Radio/Author; *Kelsei Wharton*, Ashoka – Youth Venture, *Keith Whitted, Jr.*, Youth Advocate and Author

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Franklin 9-10

Mayors' Meeting

JW Event Space

Youth Leadership Meeting

An exploration of best practices for U.S. cities and of convening goals for youth leaders

Dr. Biko Baker, Consultant; *Jamira Burley*, Cities United Youth Subcommittee Lead

Institutes

Franklin 4

Institute 1 – Cities United Basics for New Partner Cities and Refresher for Established Partner Cities

Provides new partners with an opportunity to discuss initial steps in becoming a part of Cities United and provides additional support to current partners

Jerrilyn Black, National League of Cities; *Anthony Smith*, Louisville, KY

Franklin 2

Institute 2 – Data-Driven Accountability

Key data, how cities have aligned existing data with a Cities United agenda and how cities have linked data across systems

Rhonda Bryant, The Moriah Group; *rashid shabazz*, Campaign for Black Male Achievement; *Charles West*, New Orleans, LA; *Dr. Angie Wolf*, National Council on Crime & Delinquency

Franklin 13

Institute 3 – A Life Course Framework for Improving the Lives of Males of Color

A holistic analytic framework and strategic canvas for improving the life outcomes for males of color

Arnold Chandler, Forward Change Consulting; *Tia Martinez*, Forward Change Consulting

Franklin 3

Institute 4 – Alternatives to Juvenile Detention and Incarceration

National and local strategies focused on preventive and intervention measures to reduce youth contact with the juvenile justice system

Soledad McGrath, MacArthur Foundation; *Shondell Revell*, Philadelphia, PA; *Jason Szanyi*, Center for Children's Law and Policy

Franklin 1

Institute 5 – Working toward Integration and Alignment

Conversation with three national initiatives to better understand their strategic goals and points of intersection. Colleague cities will also share their experiences and strategies for effectively aligning their local efforts with these national initiatives

Shawn Dove, Campaign for Black Male Achievement; *Damon Hewitt*, Open Society Foundations/Executive Alliance for Improving Outcomes for Boys and Men of Color; *Steve Patrick*, Aspen Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund; *Marc Philpart*, PolicyLink; *Carlos Terrones*, Seattle, WA; *Nathaniel “Toby” Thompkins*, Tides; *Lawrence Wilbon*, Louisville, KY

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Love Park

Welcome Reception**Thursday, April 30**

Open all day
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Resource Fair
Hosted by Frontline Solutions

8:30 – 8:55 a.m.
Salon H-J

Day 2 Welcome/Remarks
Roy L. Austin, Jr., White House Domestic Policy Council/My Brother’s Keeper; *Former Mayor Norman B. Rice*, Casey Family Programs

8:55 – 9:00 a.m.
Salon H-J

Review of Agenda
Jamarr Hall, Philadelphia, PA

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.
Salon H-J

Reflections from Leadership

9:10 – 11:00 a.m.
Salon H-J

Bridging the Gap – Improving the Relationship with Communities of Color and Law Enforcement

Panel discussion about local city strategies for addressing challenging and racially charged circumstances, with a focus on the relationship between community and police

Panelists

Mayor William A. Bell, Sr., Birmingham, AL; *Dr. William C. Bell*, Casey Family Programs; *Director Ronald Davis*, COPS/President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing; *Police Chief AC Roper*, Birmingham, AL; *Mayor Paul Soglin*, Madison, WI; *Councilmember Michael Tubbs*, Stockton, CA

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Break**Press Conference**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.
Salon H-J

Crafting a Strong Narrative about African American Men and Boys
Panel discussion about important strategies for advancing a meaningful narrative that focuses on African American men and boys

Panelists

Mary Cossey, Gary, IN; *Iric Headley*, Fort Wayne, IN; *Alan Jenkins*, Opportunity Agenda; *Antonio Smith*, Brooklyn Park, MN

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.
Salon H-J

Lunch

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Franklin 11

Session A - Strengthening Partnerships between Law Enforcement and Community

Examples of successful partnerships between communities and law enforcement; discussion of what's at stake in the absence of effective partnerships

Deputy Commissioner Kevin Bethel, Philadelphia, PA; *Superintendent of Police Michael Harrison*, New Orleans, LA; *Kevin Jones*, West Palm Beach, FL; *Lyman Legters*, Casey Family Programs; *Dr. Cynthia Schmidt*, Orlando, FL

Franklin 2

Session B - Youth Violence Prevention as a Public Health Issue - Public Health Models of Violence Prevention

Discussion of effective public health approaches to violence prevention highlighting the key components of a public health model that reduces rates of violence among African American males

Linda Bowen, Institute for Community Peace; *Mayor Dana L. Redd*, Camden, NJ; *Lori Toscano*, Cure Violence

Franklin 6

Session C - Improving Employment Outcomes for African American Youth

Strategies for improving employment opportunities and outcomes for African American males, including recruitment, training, skill-building and career-building

Abby Bobé, Hands Up United; *Chekemma Fulmore-Townsend*, Philadelphia Youth Network; *David Muhammad*, Impact Justice; *Mabari Byrd*, PowerCorpsPHL

- Franklin 3** **Session D - Developing Actionable Juvenile Justice Policies**
Exploration of policies that promote increased opportunities for improved system responses to African American boys and young men and city policies that help prevent violence among African American men
- sujatha buliga*, Impact Justice; *Melissa DeShields*, Frontline Solutions; *Mayor Sly James*, Kansas City, MO
- Franklin 13** **Session E - Recognizing and Responding to Trauma in the Lives of Black Boys and Young Men**
Presentation on the impact of trauma on the lives of African American boys and young men and effective strategies for responding to trauma, including the development of mental health supports that meet the needs of African American men and boys. Includes a discussion on stigma and attitudes toward mental health among African American males
- Tomas Alvarez, III*, Beats, Rhymes, and Life, Inc.; *Dr. Tracey Campfield*, Casey Family Programs; *Dr. Arthur C. Evans*, Philadelphia, PA; *Edward Jones*, Association of Black Foundation Executives
- Franklin 4** **Session F - Effective Mentoring Programs for African American Males**
Key components of effective mentoring programs that support African American males, including strategies to measure effectiveness and continuous quality improvement in mentoring programs
- Marcus Carson*, Growing Kings; *Brenda March*, Orlando, FL; *David Miller*, Dare To Be King Project; *Steve Vassor*, Amped Strategies; *Rev. Dr. Alfonso Wyatt*, Strategic Destiny
- Franklin 1** **Session G - Effective Strategies for Engaging Philanthropy**
Insights from cities and philanthropic partners about the importance of leveraging relationships, shared interests and partnerships to increase resources and awareness of successes and needs around reducing violence-related deaths of African American males
- Paul DiLorenzo*, Casey Family Programs/Stoneleigh Foundation; *Marcus Littles*, Frontline Solutions; *Alvertha Penny*, Consultant

Franklin 7	<p>Session H - Educational Strategies that Promote High Levels of Academic Achievement for African American Boys <i>Effective educational engagement strategies that promote K-12 and post-secondary success. Participants will learn how to identify and resolve barriers to high academic achievement and build systems' understanding, supports and capacity to address the educational needs of African American boys</i></p> <p><i>Marc Philpart</i>, PolicyLink; <i>Kristin Szakos</i>, Charlottesville, VA; <i>Michael Walker</i>, Minneapolis Public Schools</p>
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break/Transition Plenary Room
2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Salon H-J	Remarks/Reflections
3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Salon H-J	<p>Lifting Up Youth Voices from Around the Country <i>Panel discussion about building an understanding of African American males' unique experiences, building capacity for meaningful youth engagement and impactful strategies</i></p> <p>Panelists <i>Jordan Howard</i>, GenYNot; <i>Alex Peay</i>, Philadelphia, PA; <i>Justin Sims</i>, Growing Kings; <i>Richard Taylor</i>, Chicago, IL; <i>Steve Vassor</i>, Amped Strategies; <i>Kelsei Wharton</i>, Ashoka – Youth Venture</p>
4:15 – 4:20 p.m. Salon H-J	<p>Information Sharing - Day 2 Post-Meeting Activities <i>Erica D. Atwood</i>, Philadelphia, PA</p>
4:20 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>Team Time <i>(Instructions will be provided)</i></p>
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Post-Meeting Activities
JW Event Space	<p><i>Philadelphia Youth Commission Meet-up: Youth from around the country come together in fellowship and their stories of triumph and survival</i></p>
Franklin 11	<p>3 ½ Minutes Documentary Screening and Discussion on Bias in partnership with Participant Media/HBO and the Black Star Film Festival</p>

Friday, May 1

Open all day
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Resource Fair
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8:00 – 8:20 a.m.
Salon H-J

Overnight Reflections/Review of Agenda
Clarence Anthony, National League of Cities; *Erica D. Atwood*, Philadelphia, PA; *Antoinette Malveaux*, Casey Family Programs

8:20 – 9:30 a.m.
Salon H-J

Call to Action
Richard Taylor, Chicago, IL; *Tim Wise*, Antiracist Essayist, Author, and Educator

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Break/transition to Concurrent Activities

9:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Activities

Site Visits (*Instructions will be provided*)

- Healing Hurt People
- Youth Violence Reduction Partnership
- Focused Deterrence Program

Franklin 9-10

Mayors' Meeting

Franklin 2

Workshop 1 – Developing a Cities United Action Plan
Discussions around planning, including: visioning, stakeholder engagement in planning, focusing an existing plan on priority strategies, moving from planning to action and other key considerations.

Cheryl Blanchette, Cities United Technical Assistance Lead; *Alvertha Penny*, Consultant; *Lori Toscano*, Cure Violence

Franklin 3

Workshop 2 – Building Capacity to Discuss Race, Racism, Bias and Community Healing

Exploration of the importance of talking about race in an honest and productive manner; presentation of successes in other cities and resources available to support work in cities

Linda Bowen, Institute for Community Peace; *Lyman Legters*, Casey Family Programs; *Mariko Lockhart*, Seattle, WA; *Oronde Miller*, Cities United Technical Assistance Lead; *Torry Winn*, Race to Equity

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Workshop 3 – Developing a Cities United Communications Plan
Real-time support for cities to develop a communications plan for varied stakeholders about their Cities United work

Janet Dewart Bell, Communications Consultant

Franklin 7

Workshop 4 – Building Capacity to Effectively Engage Youth and Community as Partners

Discussion of strategies that engage youth and community—at all stages of planning, development and implementation—as authentic partners and collaborators in violence prevention and reduction efforts. Builds on examples across multiple cities

Dr. Biko Baker, Consultant; *Jamira Burley*, Cities United Youth Subcommittee Lead; *Antonio Smith*, Brooklyn Park, MN

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Workshop 5 – Building Strategic and Sustained Faith-Based Partnerships

Examples of faith-based partnerships that have proactively connected the community, city government and other key stakeholders in focused violence-reduction efforts

Pastor Vincent James, Louisville-Elim Baptist Church; *Desmond Meade*, Live Free Campaign; *Anthony Smith*, Louisville, KY

Franklin 13

Workshop 6 – Developing a Strategy for Measuring Progress and Success for Your Violence Reduction Efforts

How to identify key measures and connect data to the analysis of key measures and desired outcomes

Rhonda Bryant, The Moriah Group; *rashid shabazz*, Campaign for Black Male Achievement; *Charles West*, New Orleans, LA; *Dr. Angie Wolf*, National Council on Crime & Delinquency

Franklin 4

Workshop 7 – Applying a Life Course Framework to Violence Reduction

Insights that build on Institute 3 to explore how the Life Course Framework can be used to inform violence reduction approaches in cities. Participants will walk through an example of how to apply the framework, consider and discuss insights from research on the causes of violence and its reduction and learn about strategies and challenges being considered or addressed by workshop participants

Arnold Chandler, Forward Change Consulting; *Tia Martinez*, Forward Change Consulting

11:45 -12:00 pm **Transition to Plenary Room**

12:00 – 12:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Salon H-J *Mayor William A. Bell, Sr.*, Birmingham, AL; *Mayor Michael A. Nutter*,
Philadelphia, PA

Optional Activities

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Salon H-J

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Team Time/Time with Experts**
(Instructions will be provided)