

144K Adventist Youth Ministries
presents
“IT TAKES A VILLAGE”
STATE of the
BLACK YOUTH ADDRESS

Did you know that...

1. According to 2015 data, there were 6,333,000 African American children in the nation between the ages of 0-18, of which 66% of them lived within a single parent household.
2. There are higher proportions of African American/Black children in foster care than in the general child population (Hill, 2006). In 2000, African American children represented 36% of the foster care population, even though they comprised only 15% of the general child population.
3. Schools tend to rely heavily on exclusion from the classroom as the primary discipline strategy and this practice often has a disproportionate impact on Black students. (Arcia, 2006).
4. Research shows that 48% of Black males and 37.7% of Black females have tried marijuana, the “gateway drug”, by the 9th grade.
5. School suspension is the top predictor for those students incarcerated by 9th grade. As of 2013, black juveniles were more than four times as likely to be committed to a secure placement as white juveniles.
6. A 2015 study, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, found that for the first time, the suicide rate of black children in between the ages of 5 and 11 had doubled between 1993 and 2013—while the rate among white children had declined. Suicides by hanging nearly tripled among black boys in particular. Suicide has become the third leading cause of death among black people between the ages of 15 and 24.

If this information troubles your heart, PLEASE don't miss this event!

Come out and hear the profound insight of our guest panelists:

Judge Karen Braxton, Lincoln Hall of Justice

Judith Thurman, LMSW - WCCMH

Keith Bennett, Exec. Dir. - Flip the Script

Officer Starr Hunt, Ypsilanti Police Dept.

Keith Jones, LLMSW – MI Prison Re-Entry

Thomas White, Principal – Amer. Int'l Acad

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2017

Location: Ypsilanti Seventh Day Adventist Church

402 S. Adams, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Time: 5:00pm