

Black History Month - Reentry Reflections Month



2014

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."_ Frederick Douglas

On Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM **The W.I.R.E. – Women Involved in Reentry Efforts** and The Office on Returning Citizen Affairs is facilitating a discussion on "The Breakdown of the Black Family as a result of Incarcerating Mothers" at Union Temple, 1225 W St. S.E. Washington, D.C. 20020. This event will culminate the Black History Month and Reentry Reflections Month activities throughout the community.

The Panelists are children who have incarcerated, or formerly incarcerated mothers who are facing the daunting task of growing up without a mother, and family reunification.

According to statistics young people who have mothers in prison are more likely to become drug addicted, depressed and/or end up in prison themselves. Today, as leaders in our community we have determined to take responsibility for our choices, and make reparations where they are due by calling for a plan of action to aid and assist the children who face the trauma, stigma and blame associated with having a mother in prison. In order to break the cycle of crime and incarceration we must come together and raise these children up to be the productive citizens they were created to be. Come and Join Us as have a pointed, candid conversation with children who have mothers who are currently incarcerated, or previously incarcerated. ***Children are The Future!***

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"Lifting as we climb, onward and upward we go, struggling and striving, and hoping that the buds and blossoms of our desires will burst into glorious fruition ere long. With courage, born of success achieved in the past, with a keen sense of the responsibility which we shall continue to assume, we look forward to a future large with promise and hope. Seeking no favors because of our color, nor patronage because of our needs, we knock at the bar of justice, asking an equal chance." **_Mary Church Terrell**

