

5th Annual National Week of Action Against Incarcerating Youth

May 15 to 21, 2017

We are looking for groups and individuals around the United States to organize events.

During the 2017 5th Annual National Week of Action Against Incarcerating Youth organizations, groups, collectives, mosques, synagogue, community centers, bookstores, schools, clubs, churches, recreation centers, and temples, are organizing in their communities around the country daily events during the week aimed at raising awareness about the school to prison pipeline and ending the incarceration of all youth.

HISTORY: The National Week of Action Against Incarcerating Youth (NWAAY) was founded in 2013 to dismantle the prison half of the school-to-prison-pipeline. The National Week of Action Against Incarcerating Youth is a fully-volunteer project organized by hundreds of groups and individuals around the United States.

GOALS: Another world is possible, and it begins with community based programs and alternatives such as rehabilitation, therapy, counseling, job readiness workshops, tutoring, more community programs and centers, and transformative and restorative justice programs in the community and in schools to address conflicts. Incarceration is not the solution, but the problem. Once youth are involved in the juvenile justice system, it is hard for them to get out of it. Please support youth and their futures and demand that no more youth are incarcerated no matter the crime/harm they have committed. Incarceration does nothing to address the needs of the community, those harmed, and the youth who have committed the harm.

YOUTH: The juvenile justice system targets four youth groups for incarceration; they are the following, in no specific order: (1) Youth of Color, (2) Youth with Disabilities, (3) Economically Disadvantaged Youth, and (4) LGBTTQQIA Youth.

Problems:

1. Criminalization of Youth is the stigmatization of youth through laws and norms that are based on their behavior, dress, ability, socializing, identity, and community in which they live in.
2. Policing of Youth is the surveillance and social control of youth by law enforcement and those in disciplinary roles.
3. Incarceration of Youth is the punitive disciplinary act that is taken by the criminal justice system if a youth breaks the law and is found guilty.

Solutions:

1. Hip Hop Activism privileges youth expression and culture rather than stigmatizing/criminalizing youth.
2. Support Groups will eliminate the external third party need to secure and surveil those in the communities that are needing guidance, accountability, mentoring, advising, counseling, and interventions.
3. Transformative Justice is a holistic, voluntary, liberatory, community-based justice system such as community circles, peace circles, and peer-mediation, that wants to abolish prisons and punitive justice, while respecting individual's identity and experiences. This would include ending suspensions, detention, SROs/police in schools, involuntary labor, shaming, and stigmatizing and punitive rules and discipline.



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May 15 - May 21, 2017

May 17 - Brown Vs. Board of Ed.

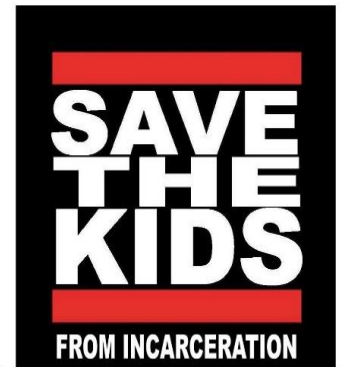
May 19 - BDay Malcolm X

May 21 - BDAY Biggie

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This is a fully-volunteer national week of action that all people, groups, organizations, collectives, agencies, schools, clubs, centers, faiths, & colleges are welcome to do actions small or big, such as film screening, lecture, debate, panel, protest, rally, walkout, teach-in, sit-in, press conference, banner drop, and potlock.



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