



Movies to  
Movements

# & MOVIE NIGHT

September 29, 2023

Welcome



Women's Equity  
Center and  
Action Network  
Educate. Engage. Activate.



# Agenda

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**Welcome**

**Watch  
Film**

**Panel  
Discussion**

**Evaluation**





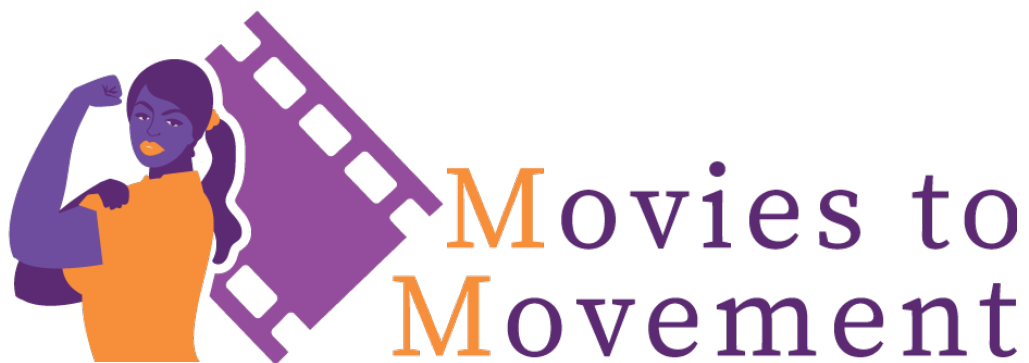
# Dr. Stephanie McGencey

President/Founder

Women's Equity  
Center and Action  
Network  
(WE CAN)

# Statistics on Youth Suicide

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publishes an annual report called the [Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#) that provides extensive data about youth in the U.S.
- In the February 2023 report, nearly 40% of Black youth reported experiencing persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness in the past year.
- Almost 1 in every four Black students reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year. Eighteen percent of Black students reported making a suicide plan during the past year.
- Black students were more likely than any other racial/ethnic group of young people to attempt suicide, with nearly 15% attempting suicide in the past year.



# WE CAN Education Strategies

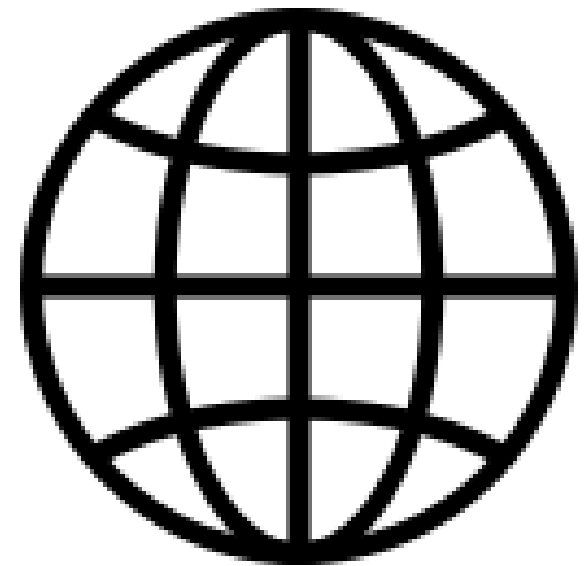
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**Women's Equity Center and Action Network (WE CAN)**



# TRIGGER WARNING!

This film and discussion will cover suicide and suicide ideation (thinking about, planning, and being preoccupied with death and suicide). This may be triggering and difficult for viewers with similar experiences.

**Please dial 988 or 800-273-8255 if you need support.**

# Remarks ~ Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®

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**Mrs. Benita Swindell**  
President



**Ms. Tiffany Crawford**  
Chair, Connection And Social Action  
Committee



# Upcoming PEO Events!



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Prince George's Group

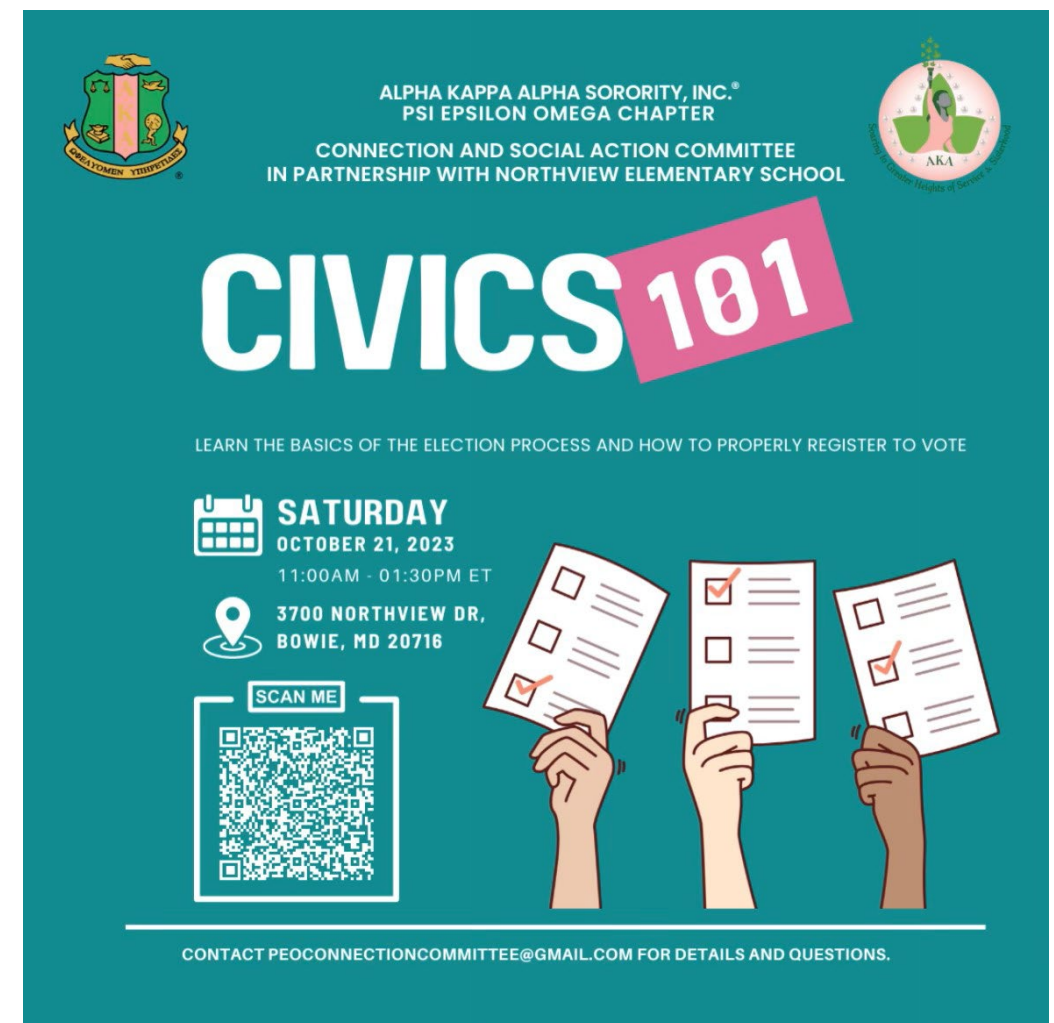
Register today  
  
<https://bit.ly/3sIYtWc>


**Environmental Justice and You: Stormwater Management**  
Saturday, Oct. 7, 11AM-2PM  
Mount Rainier Nature Center  
4701 31<sup>st</sup> Place  
Mount Rainier, MD 20712


**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Join the conversation about stormwater in Prince George's County

Priscila Alves, Brittney Drakeford, Maureen Fine, Emily Clifton, Blair Danies,  
And you and your neighbors





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 **CONNECTION AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL


**CIVICS 101**

LEARN THE BASICS OF THE ELECTION PROCESS AND HOW TO PROPERLY REGISTER TO VOTE

 **SATURDAY**  
OCTOBER 21, 2023  
11:00AM - 01:30PM ET

 **3700 NORTHVIEW DR.,**  
BOWIE, MD 20716

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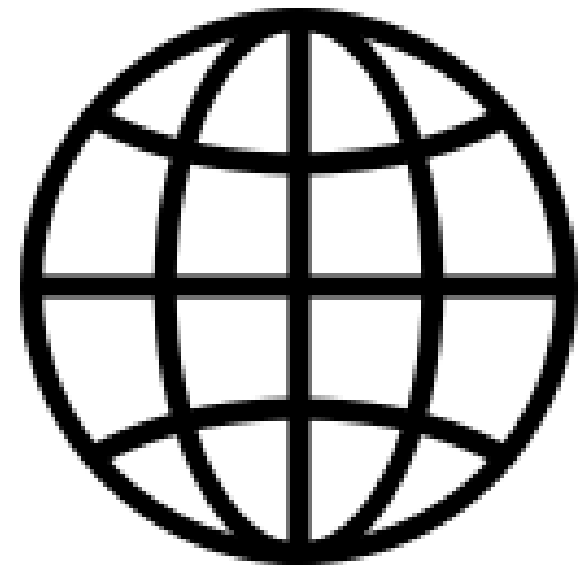
CONTACT [PEOCONNECTIONCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PEOCONNECTIONCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM) FOR DETAILS AND QUESTIONS.



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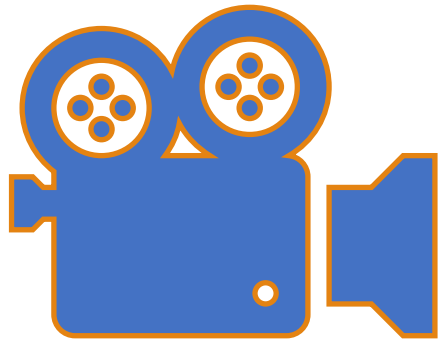
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# Watch Feature Film

## [We Cry Your Tears: The Jamal Clay Story](#)

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# Provide Counselors in Schools!



**Send Letters to the U.S. Congress**  
<https://tinyurl.com/CounselingNotCops>

# Fact Sheet: The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act

Senator Chris Murphy, Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Rep. Ilhan Omar, introduced the Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act. The purpose of this legislation is to decrease the number of arrests in schools and help schools hire more counselors, social workers, nurses, and other health professionals.

## The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act would:

- **Prohibit the use of federal funds for maintaining police in schools.**  
Since 1999, the federal government has spent more than \$1 billion to hire police in public schools, predominantly through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. This legislation would eliminate the uses of federal funding to put or keep police in schools, and instead divert that funding toward the many other uses related to school safety that do not maintain police presence in schools.
- **Help schools hire counselors, social workers, and other support personnel instead of police.**  
Over the past few months, we've seen school districts like Minneapolis and Denver decide to move forward without police in building safe and inclusive schools. This legislation would help districts that take this step by establishing a \$2.5 billion grant program to hire the counselors, social workers, nurses, school psychologists, and other personnel they need to support students and create safe schools without police. The grant program would also support schoolwide positive behavioral interventions and supports, as well as trauma-informed services and professional development.

## The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act would NOT:

- **Ban or remove police from schools.**  
Whether a district uses police in their schools remains up to state and local decision-makers. There are many professional, kind-hearted police officers in Connecticut who serve in our schools. Lots of parents and kids trust them, for good reason. This legislation only affects how schools can use federal funding for school safety, as well as supporting schools with hiring mental health care providers and other health care workers that we know help marginalized students achieve better educational outcomes and reduce the "school-to-prison" pipeline.
- **Penalize schools for hiring police officers or stop federal funding from being used to hire non-police security personnel.**  
Federal funding for school safety has many uses that do not include maintaining police. This legislation would divert any existing federal funding for school safety to these other uses. Through the legislation's \$2.5 billion grant program, overall federal funding for school safety would actually increase.

## The experience Black and Latino students have with police in schools is often very different from their white peers.

- In Connecticut, Latino students who go to a school with a police officer present are six times more likely to get arrested than if they go to a school without a police officer.
- The same study, conducted by Connecticut Voices for Children, found that Black students are twice as likely to get arrested when a police officer is present.
- Data shows that the presence of police officers in schools does not measurably increase school safety or improve academic outcomes.

**The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act seeks to curtail the school to prison pipeline by shifting how the federal government invests in school safety - moving away from the presence of police and increasing the number of counselors, mental health professionals and trauma-informed staff that have been proven to improve school climate.**



# Additional Resources

*to learn more about youth suicide*

Provides data on health behaviors and experiences among high school students in the United States.

These data offer an important snapshot of adolescent health and well-being related to sexual behavior, substance use, experiences of violence, mental health, and suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

[https://www.cdc.gov/healthy-youth/data/yrbs/pdf/YRBS\\_Data-Summary-Trends\\_Report2023\\_508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/healthy-youth/data/yrbs/pdf/YRBS_Data-Summary-Trends_Report2023_508.pdf)

# YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

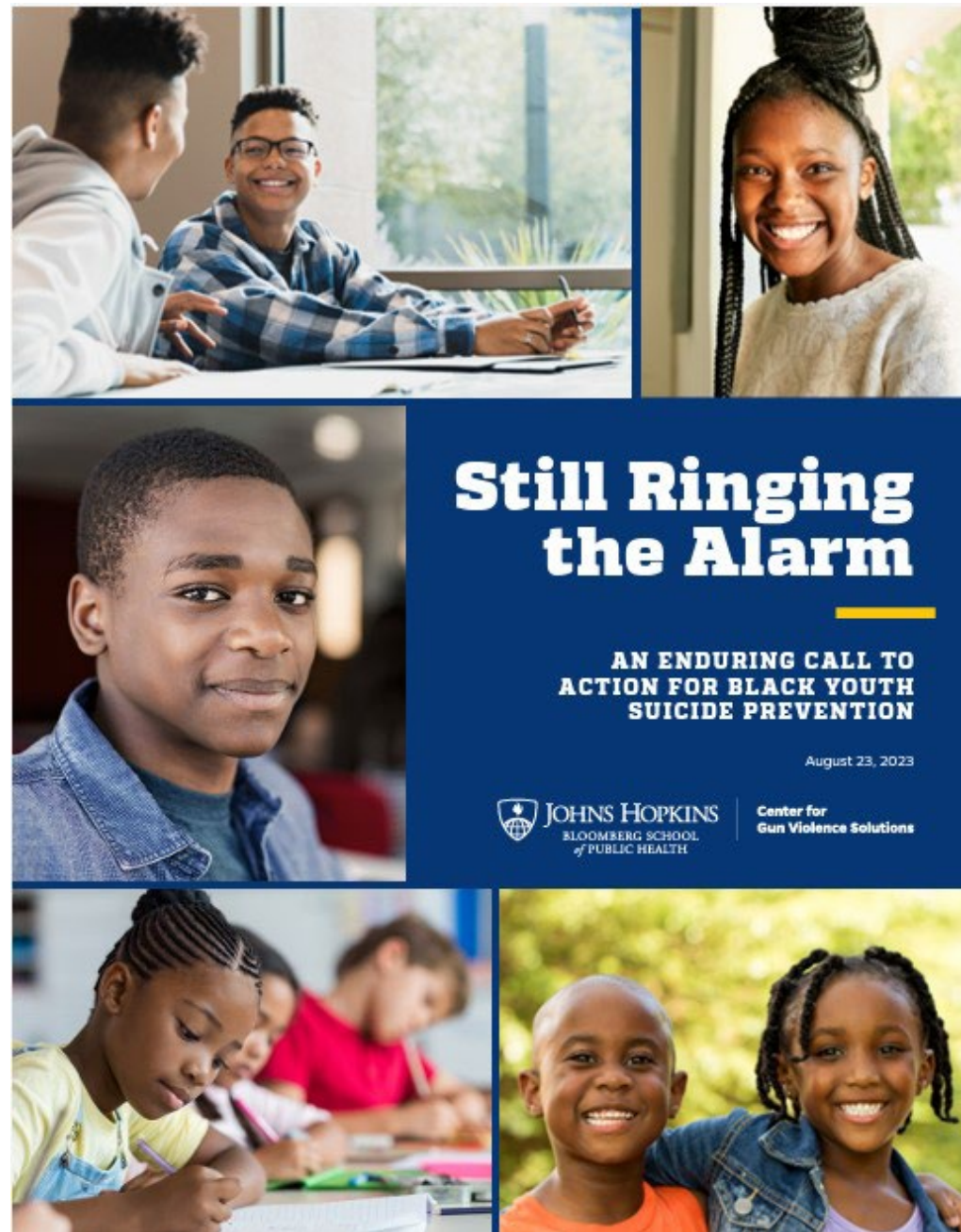
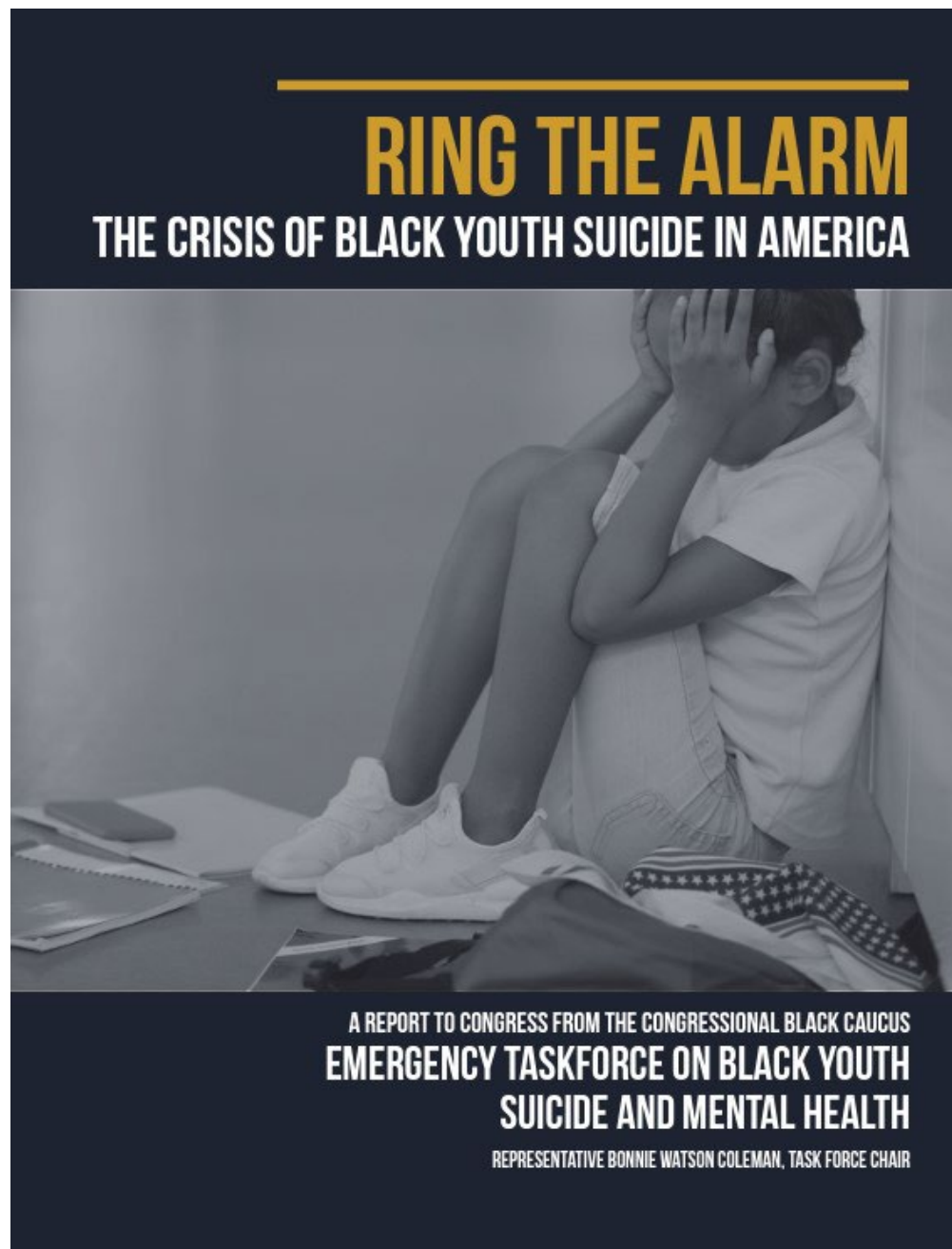
## DATA SUMMARY & TRENDS REPORT



Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention  
National Center for HIV, Viral  
Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

2011-2021

# Important Reports on the Issue



Click the images above to download the reports online!

# **MAKES ME WANNA HOLLER**

Healing From Loss, Learning From Tragedy  
& Finding Recovery

## **Additional Film/Short Movie**

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<https://tinyurl.com/MMWHoller>

# Additional Resources

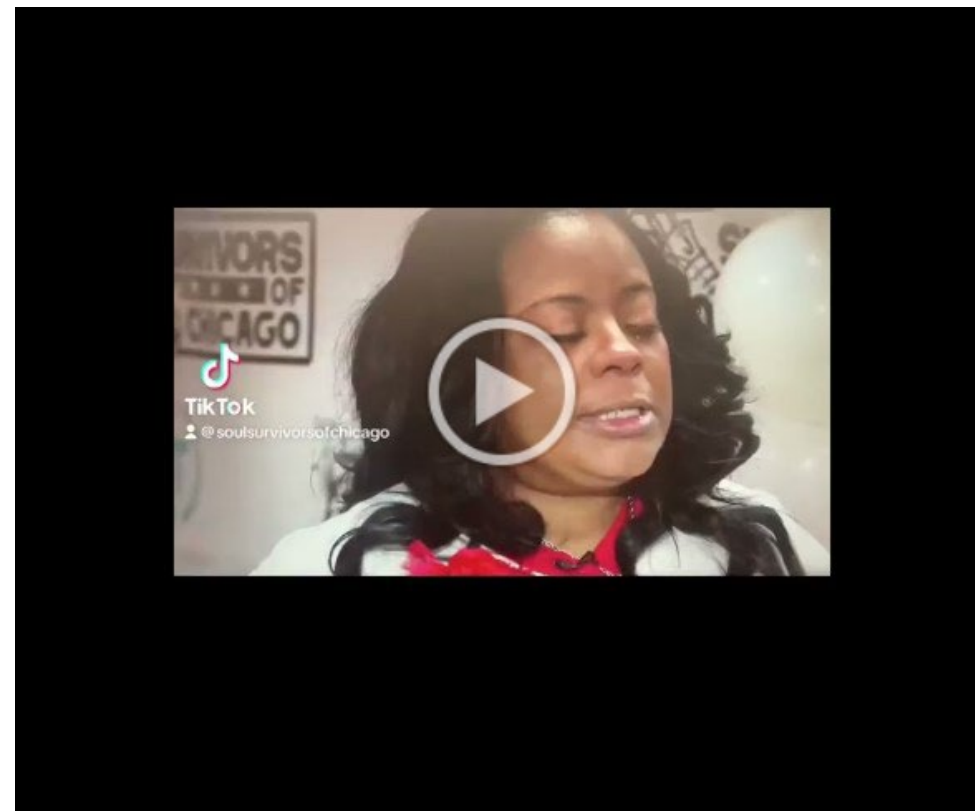
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## Soul Survivors PSA



<https://tinyurl.com/soulsurvpsa>

## Soul Survivors Tiktok



<https://tinyurl.com/soulsurvtt>

# NBC4 News-Changing Minds Segment featuring Janis Willard Robinson



<https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/changing-minds/makes-me-feel-hopeful-mom-organizes-first-suicide-prevention-walk-at-bwie-state-university/3350614/>



# We Are One Grief Support Group

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 pm CST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85839058563>

Meeting ID: 858 3905 8563

# FREE TRAINING

## American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

**COMMUNITY**  
November 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Register at

[https://soulshop-  
community-  
md2023.attendease.co  
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### Soul Shop Training for Communities

This 2 hour training introduces and explores how community members, particularly in the faith based communities, think and talk about suicide. It includes an introduction to the action plan known as the "CALL" model, a tool that teaches community members how to keep a person with thoughts of suicide safe.

This program is designed to increase awareness of the dangers of suicide and discuss the steps that can be taken to reduce risks. This includes all citizens who might want to learn how to ask the question of suicide, learn about the prevalence of suicide in the community, and get more engaged with how to be a part of the solution.

#### Date & Time

November 7, 2023  
from 6.00 PM to 8.00 PM

#### Location

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
6634 St. Barnabas Road  
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

#### Contact & Instructor

Lauren N. Jenkins, LCPC, CCTP  
thejourney2well@gmail.com  
(301) 970-9032

#### Registration Required

[https://soulshop-community-  
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## Soul Shop Workshop for Black Churches

It's estimated that one out of every two people in a given congregation has personally been affected by suicide. Soul Shop for Black Churches is a one-day workshop designed for clergy, staff, lay pastors, and faith-based clinicians in the Black Church. Given the prominence of the church within Black communities, Soul Shop equips these leaders who are on the front lines of the mental health crisis to minister to those impacted by all the faces of trauma and struggle with suicide.

This includes the creation of worship resource, training congregation members in suicide awareness and basic conversation skills, and how to extend invitations to those who have been suicidal to share their stories. This workshop engages the question of how to cultivate a soul-safe culture within your congregation.

### Date & Time

November 8, 2023  
from 8.30 AM to 4.30 PM

### Location

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
6634 St. Barnabas Road  
Oxon Hill, MD 0745d

### Contact & Instructor

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(301) 970-9032

### Registration Required

[https://soulshop-md2023.attendease.com/Lunch & Refreshments](https://soulshop-md2023.attendease.com/Lunch%20&%20Refreshments) will be provided.



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### November 8<sup>th</sup>

### 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

### Register at

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## HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP US

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\$25

We could travel to a crisis and provide intervention

\$50

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We could clean and sanitize shoes for our Walk in Purpose Project



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\$75

We could provide weekly support to those at-risk

\$100

+

We could support a family/individual facing a immediate crisis.



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HELP**

FOLLOW US FOR DONATIONS  
@SOULSURVIVORSOFCHICAGO [www.soulsurvivorsofchicago.com](http://www.soulsurvivorsofchicago.com)

# Support Soul Survivors of Chicago

<https://tinyurl.com/donatesoulsurvivors>

YouTube: Soul Survivors of Chicago

@soulsurvivorsofchicago2818

Facebook: Soul Survivors of Chicago

Facebook Group: Mothers Who Lost Their Child to Suicide

Instagram: soulsurvivorsofchi

LinkedIn: Rafiah Maxie-Cole

Website:

<https://www.soulsurvivorsofchicago.com>

Email: [ssofchicago@gmail.com](mailto:ssofchicago@gmail.com)

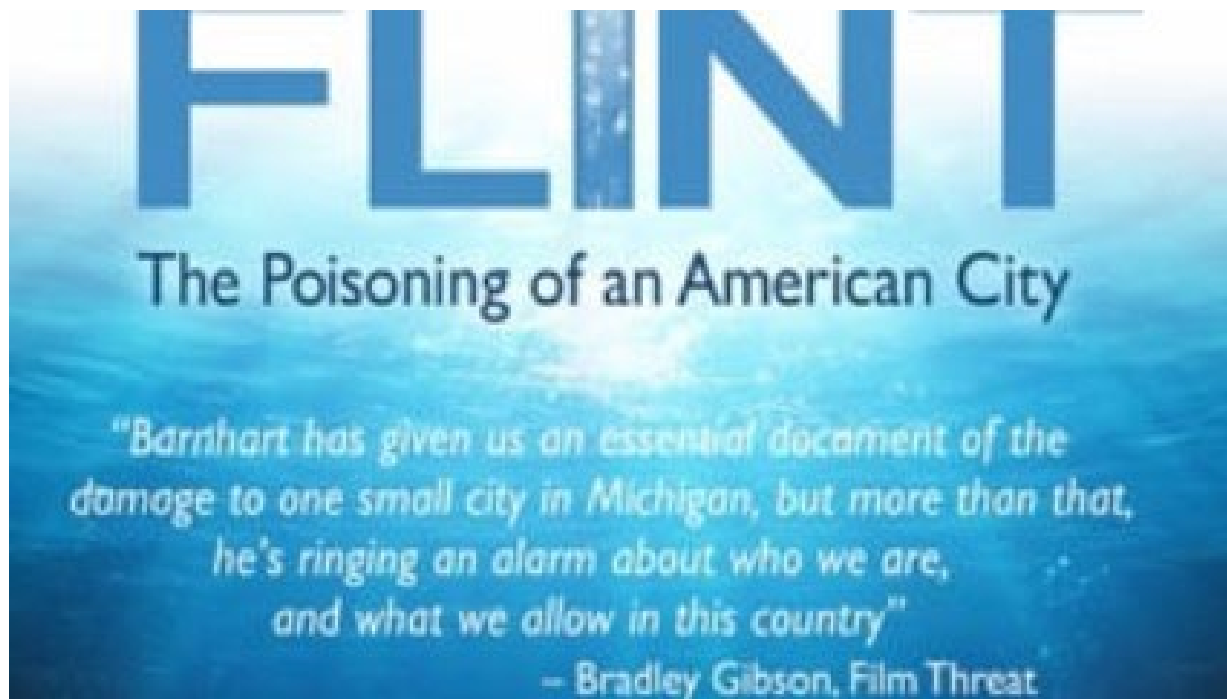
# Other Organizational Resources

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- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) (SAMHSA)
  - 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline – call or text 988
  - National Helpline (to find mental health and substance abuse services): 800-662-HELP (4357)
- [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#)
  - Text TALK to 741741
  - Find TONS of resources on their website (click hyperlink above)
- [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)
  - Hotline 800-950-6264
  - Text Helpline to 62640
  - TONS of resources on their website (click hyperlink above)

# October Movies to Movements Movie Night

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Click [HERE](#) to register for the October 20<sup>th</sup> event!



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# Thank You for Coming!