



## TimeBanks USA

*Requests Your Presence in Madison, Wisconsin*

**Friday, June 26, 2009**

**8:30am-12:30pm**

**A colloquium spearheading a new initiative to dismantle the structural racism that pervades the juvenile justice and child welfare systems**

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This colloquium is part of the collaborative development of a new legal strategy to redress racial disparity in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

Involvement in these systems can cause traumatic and crippling injuries with life-long consequences for the young people, their families and the broader community. The critical barrier to past judicial relief has been the requirement to prove government officials' intent to discriminate. A generous planning grant from the WK Kellogg Foundation has made the preliminary work possible.

**We hope you will plan to participate in our inaugural event on June 26**, and in the work that follows, designed to prove intent by putting officials on formal notice of cost-effective alternatives that work. We posit that if officials receive formal notice of alternatives, and then choose to continue present practices, it will constitute intentional disregard of the right to Equal Protection of the law for children and juveniles.

We invite you to join a group of thought leaders, practitioners, subject matter experts, administrators, advocates, legislators, legal professionals, youth from the system, and other stakeholders who will gather in Madison to learn more about this initiative and lend their knowledge as partners in shaping a multi-pronged effort mobilizing communities, advocates and organizations to end rampant juvenile incarceration and practices that undermine the development of our children. Participants will also bear witness to the injuries inflicted by current practices and share testimony about demonstrably effective alternatives that enlist children, youth and their families as active co-producers of communities that work. If you are unable to make it to Madison, but are interested in participating in this initiative, please let us know, and consider sending someone in your place if that is a possibility. This event will be an integral part of the 2009 TimeBanks USA Conference: *A Time for Justice, A Wealth of Opportunity*. For more information on the conference, please visit <http://www.tbusa.org>.

Colloquium topics include:

- documenting the injuries for young people, their families and the broader community
- highlighting the social and economic costs of maintaining the status quo
- showcasing what works to secure just outcomes for young people, their families and the broader community

For more information, and to RSVP, please visit the [Colloquium Website](#).

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