



JUNE 21 & 22

**2012 4TH ANNUAL
BLACK MEN HEALING
CONFERENCE**

Metropolitan State University, St. Paul Campus 700 East Seventh Street, St. Paul MN 55106

The theme for the 2012 conference is COMPASSIONATE ACCOUNTABILITY.

In this era of limited resources and increasing disparities including in the areas of education, incarceration, unemployment and homelessness, this conference provides an opportunity for meaningful community engagement and access to national and local educators, community practitioners and experts to discuss and introduce practical trauma informed and outcome driven methods and services.

Conference is open and designed for both men and women of all cultures working with African Americans or interested in the topic.

The Institute: Thursday 21st 9 am to 12 pm (3 professional development/contact hours)



"TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH: engaging African American men"

Samuel Simmons, LADC, Behavioral Consultant

The institute will explore the link between the intergenerational and current trauma experiences to perceptions, beliefs and behaviors that have act as challenges to African American men in their recovery. Discuss practical trauma informed, outcome driven and community based best practices focused on African American Men. **Space is limited to 80 slots.**

Day One: Thursday 21st 1 pm to 4:30 pm (3 professional development/contact hours)

"Compassionate accountability a key to healing" Samuel Simmons, LADC, Behavioral Consultant



KEY NOTE: "Ending the Industrial Food Complex: Deconstructing Race, Class, and Privilege in the U.S. Food System"

LaDonna Redmond, Senior Program Associate at Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)

LaDonna is a long-time community activist who has successfully worked to get Chicago Public Schools to evaluate junk food and worked on federal farm policy to expand access to healthy food in low-income communities. In 2009, Remond was one of 25 citizen and business leaders named a Responsibility Pioneer by Time Magazine.

MEDIA JUSTICE PANEL: "Empower the community by reframing the message" Moderated by Danielle Mkali, Media Justice Organizer with Main Street Project

Day Two: Friday 22nd 9 to 4:30 pm (6 professional development/contact hours)



KEY NOTE: "The Effects of Poverty on Child Development and School Success"

Douglas J. Quiett, L.C.S.W., WestEd Senior Program Associate

His expertise is child care and professional development. He created a home visiting curriculum that combines best practices in the social work aspect of home visiting with the essentials of the Program for Infant/Toddler Care approach to childcare.

KEY NOTE: "Discovering The Gift In The Wound" Aqeela Sherrills, Gang Intervention Consultant

Aqeela speaks and consults nationally and internationally on violence intervention and prevention strategies and is the Principal of The Reverence Project, focused on shifting worldwide imagination by instituting a practice of authentic exploration of the wounds in the personal life as a means of accesses the gift of who we are by not defining ourselves as our experiences.



MORNING AND AFTERNOON WORKSHOP TOPICS: Bullying, Mentoring, Reentry, Leadership, Spirituality, Healthy Sexuality and Healthy Relationships, etc.

Conference Fees: (Student and Group rates are available)

\$90 for both Thursday June 21st and Friday June 22rd

- \$40 for Thursday June 21st only
- \$70 for Friday only

\$45 for the Institute Only

\$120 for the Institute and Conference

THE SIXTH ANNUAL SONS OF BRANSFORD AWARD DINNER

June 21st at 5:00 PM in the Main Great Hall

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