

# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2019 Youth Violence Prevention Symposium “Uprooting Violence in Our Community “

Dear Louisville Community,

Please save the date for the **2019 Youth Violence Prevention Symposium “ Uprooting Violence in Our Community “** Saturday April 6, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Louisville Central Community Center 1300 West Muhammad Ali Blvd 40203. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the symposium. The planning committee for this year and last consisted of community churches and organizations with a vested interest in zip codes 40210, 40211, and 40212 . Last year we had 147 attendees including adults and middle school/ high school youth. The event is free to the public with a continental breakfast and lunch provided. Comments from last year’s event included:

**“Power of one- there are many opportunities to become a mentor/adult support to a young person and give them guidance. We must intervene while children are young to break the cycle of violence. We must end systematic racism/inequality.”**

**“The evening was fantastic and left me hungry for more knowledge.”**

**“Discussing violence as a public health issue rather than Agencies available to help. Identifying some causes of childhood problemsan isolated issue. I learned a way to better discuss how to avoid projecting negative or low expectations and instead lean in to accepting people and learning why they are the way they are”**

**“I look forward to next year, and I met some very wonderful people who agreed to come to my church and do some teaching.”**

**“I learned about different drugs and the effect i can have on people. I also learned that U need to become more active in community affairs to help others.”**

Opportunities at the symposium include leaving prayers on the “ Tree of Life” for ending violence in our community, meeting non-profit community groups working with youth and families , workshops / lectures , and registering your group / church for a prayer session to end community violence. There are separate sessions for youth and adults, but symposium participants are free to visit any of the sessions . Registration is requested to allow ample food and supplies for the event . If you would like to reserve your group or individual spots now , please call 502- 852-7159 or email [Jon-aaron.moody@louisville.edu](mailto:Jon-aaron.moody@louisville.edu). Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Have a wonderful New Year,



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