



# School To Prison Pipeline: Mass Incarceration In The Age of Colorblindness

# Who We Are



- The coalition of the Bay Area's governmental public health departments
- We are set up specifically to deal with issues that impact health outside of the doctor's office. Incarceration is one of them

Health Equity. Economic Opportunity. Racial Justice.

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# Introduction

- Black men comprise about 13 percent of the U.S. male population, but nearly 35 percent of all men who are under state or federal jurisdiction with a sentence of more than one year.
- One in three black men born in 2001 can expect to be incarcerated in his lifetime, compared to one in six Latino men and one in 17 white men
- Black people are incarcerated in state prisons at a rate 5.1 times greater than that of white people

# Introduction

- One in 18 black women born in 2001 will be incarcerated sometime in her life, compared to one in 45 Latina women and one in 111 white women
- Forty-four percent of incarcerated women are black, although black women make up about 13 percent of the female U.S. population

# School To Prison Pipeline

- **The school to prison pipeline refers to practices and policies That disproportionately place Students of color Into the criminal justice system**
- Zero Tolerance policies
- The effect of zero tolerance policies
- 2.7 million K through 12 students received one or more out-of-school suspensions during the 2015-16 school year
- Out-of-school suspensions disproportionately impacted black or African-American students

# School To Prison Pipeline

- Only 8% of male students or black or African-American but these students represented 25% of out-of-school suspensions
- Only 8% of female students were black or African-American but these students represented 14% of out-of-school suspensions

# Law Enforcement referrals And Arrest

- **290600 students were referred to law enforcement agencies were arrested during the 2015-16 school year**
- **Only 15% of students were black or African-American but these students represented 31% of law enforcement referrals and arrest**
- **49% of students were white but these students represented only 36% of law enforcement referrals or arrest**

# Impact

- **Students who fail to complete high school or more likely to be in prison**
- Among men born between 1975 and 1979, an African American high school dropout That's nearly a 70% chance of being imprisoned by his mid-30s
- African American child whose father did not complete high school has a 50% chance of seeing his or her father incarcerated by the time the child reaches his or her 14th birthday



# Closing Points

- **Black Women bear the burden of mass incarceration**

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- **1.5 Million Missing Black Men**

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