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Local Organizations to Host Community Conversation Series about the Impact Police Violence has on the Mental Health of the Black Community

Conversations in this four part series will be held in March, April, May, and July 2023

Cleveland, Ohio — Beginning March 2023, a collaboration of community organizations including Black Lives Matter Cleveland, The Angelo Miller Foundation, the Cleveland Community Police Commission, ADAMHS Board, Spread the Love Foundation, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Delta Alpha Lambda Chapter, and the Woodruff Foundation, along with several other community organizations will host a series of community conversations about the impact police violence has on the mental health of the Black community in Cleveland.

Conversations in this four part series will be held in March, April, May, and July, 2023. Each will be facilitated by mental health professionals and community leaders and will focus on the experiences had by Black women, Black men, and Black youth.

Information gained through conversations about attendees' lived experiences will be used to help build trauma informed police policy and training in Cleveland. Attendees will also learn about available therapies and mental health agencies to help reduce the effects of over policing and trauma caused by negative encounters with police.

Akron University researchers will be in attendance for all conversations to conduct a long-term study and analysis of data collected from these conversations. The resulting evaluation report will establish actual Cleveland experiences that contribute towards achieving data driven policing in Cleveland. The report will be presented to the Mayor, Safety Director and City Council. This published report is intended to impact practices and policies on a wider scale. All are welcome to participate in this important dialogue.

Conversation Series Details

www.eventbrite.com/cc/impact-of-police-violence-on-black-mental-health-1919499

Conversation 1

You Are My Sister: Black Women's Conversation

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Location: Towards Employment - 3301 St Clair Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114

Featured Speaker: [Billie Gilliam](#), Director of Clinical Services YWCA Greater Cleveland

Register: bit.ly/PVW23

Conversation 2

Real Men Real Talk: Black Men's Conversation

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Location: The Alpha Education & Leadership Development Center - 2820 East 116th Street
Cleveland, OH 44120

Featured Speakers: [Eric King](#) - President, Mental & Emotional Wellness Centers of Ohio, and
[Dorian Mahulawde](#) - Licensed Professional Counselor, Mental & Emotional Wellness Centers of
Ohio

Register: bit.ly/PVM23

Conversation 3

For our Future: Black Youths Conversation

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Time: 9:30am – 1:30pm

Location: Tri-C Metropolitan Campus - 2900 Community College Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115

Featured Speakers: [Walter Patton](#), creator of Ghetto Therapy, and [Chief Clayton Harris](#), Tri-C
Police Department

Register: bit.ly/PVY23

Conversation 4

The Conversation: Larger, Concluding Conversation

Date: Friday, July 28, 2023

Time: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Location: TBD

Registration link available soon