Beyond the Courtroom: Uplifting Youth

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Introduction

"We not only leave a legacy. We live a legacy."

~ Brenda Stallings

A Broken System

- Black youth are disproportionately arrested, detained and criminalized.
- Trauma often goes unaddressed.
- The justice system remains adversarial instead of restorative.

Advocacy in Action

- Deputy Public Defender for Pulaski & Perry Co.
- Adjunct Professor, William H. Bowen School of Law
- Certified Law Enforcement Instructor
- Policy Advisor
- ViPS

Beyond the Courtroom

- AR United Faith-Based Initiative
- Scholarships for UAPB students
- 3rd Grade Reading Programs

Beyond the Courtroom

- JV Court and Your Rights - public education campaigns
- Volunteer with GEMS program

Leadership & Reform

- Articles re: Trauma & Legal System
- Juvenile Miranda Rights education
- GRWTC - parent services
- Advocate of therapy

What Can You Do?

- Recognize Trauma
- Push reforms
- Support youth led and community-based programs

DON'T JUST LEAVE A LEGACY. LIVE IT

Conclusion

"JUSTICE IS WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE IN PUBLIC."

~ Dr. Cornel West

Thank you