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Media Advisory

NAACP to Host Facebook Live Forum on "Parenting In Today's Time"

INDIANAPOLIS — May 18, 2021 — Helping parents and grandparents guide their teenagers away from violence will be the subject of a virtual public forum sponsored by the Greater Indianapolis NAACP and its Women in the NAACP (WIN) Committee along with community partners Him by Her Foundation and Reach For Youth, Inc.

What: Parenting Our Youth Through Perilous Times (Public Forum)

When: Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 6-8 pm EDT

Where: Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/IndyNAACP/live/

Pre-register and join our mailing list at indynaacp.org

Who: This forum will be designed for young adults, parents, grandparents and guardians of pre-teens & teen-agers. Community leaders featured during the forum will include:

- Barbara Bolling-Williams, Esq., Indiana State NAACP President (moderator)
- The Hon. Geoffrey A. Gaither, Presiding Judge of the Marion County Family Division,
- Kieana Dyson, Mental Health Counselor, Collaborative Change
- Denise Senter, Director of Mental Health and Clinical Services, Reach for Youth, Inc.
- Akua Miller Gaylor, Social Worker, Reach For Youth, Inc.
- Harry Dunn, President & CEO, Him by Her Collegiate School for the Arts
- Chelsea Goodlow, Youth Pastor, New Beginnings Fellowship Church

Background:

In addition to advocating for laws to [keep dangerous firearms off the streets](#) and [reform the criminal justice system](#), the NAACP also believes communities must work to steer at-risk youth away from gangs and violence before a crime is committed. In 2020,

215 people died in Indianapolis due to homicide. According to an [IndyStar analysis of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department data](#), 39 percent of victims were younger than 25 years old and 73 percent of the victims were Black.

This forum will share information about Indianapolis youth violence prevention programs and discuss strategies for conflict resolution, anger management, group therapy and other methods to help young people avoid violence.

The Greater Indianapolis NAACP will encourage audience questions and comments through the Facebook comment section during the forum.

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About NAACP: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. Our mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.