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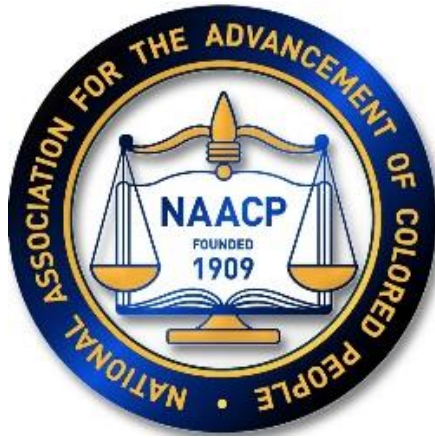
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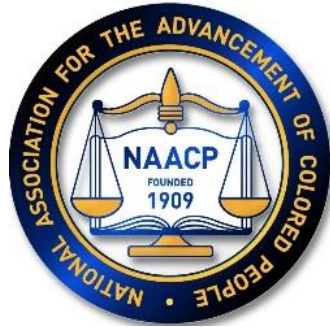
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The logo for the Community Foundation Greater Des Moines is located in the top right corner of a green banner at the top of the slide. It features a stylized icon of a classical building with columns to the left of the text "COMMUNITY FOUNDATION" and "GREATER DES MOINES" stacked vertically.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISPARITIES IN IOWA

- Public Safety and Criminal Justice
- *Equitable dispensation of justice for all*



Presenter: Betty C. Andrews
President, Iowa Nebraska NAACP State Area Conference of Branches
Founder, Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities

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NAACP TODAY

- Celebrated 111 years in 2020
- NAACP continues to be focused on disparities in economics, health care, education, voter empowerment and the criminal justice system while also continuing its role as legal advocate for civil rights issues.



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THE URGENCY OF NOW



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NATIONAL DISPARITIES

Disparity Increases at Every Stage.

Blacks Are:

- 13% of the national population.
- 30% of people arrested.
- 41% of people in jail.
- 49% of those in prison.



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NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISPARITIES

WE ARE IN CRISIS!



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IOWA CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISPARITIES

- 1 of every 12 African-Americans is currently in prison, on parole or on probation
- 4 % of the population 26% of prison population
- 30 + % of felony convictions
- 2007 report by the Washington D.C.- based Sentencing Project: ranked Iowa **worst in the nation** in the ratio of 13.6 blacks to 1 white in prison.
- Current Info: 2016 Sentencing project report: Iowa incarcerates blacks at a rate **11.1 times that of whites** — about **double the national average of 1 to 5.6. (Slight improvement)**



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IOWA CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISPARITIES

- In Iowa (2015):
 - Blacks = arrested at a rate 8.34 times higher than whites for marijuana possession (highest rate in the country).
 - Blacks are arrested at 7 times higher than overall drugs
 - Blacks are more likely to have vehicles searched
 - Blacks and whites have the same level of drug usage



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IOWA CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISPARITIES

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NAACP LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Iowa NAACP Supports:

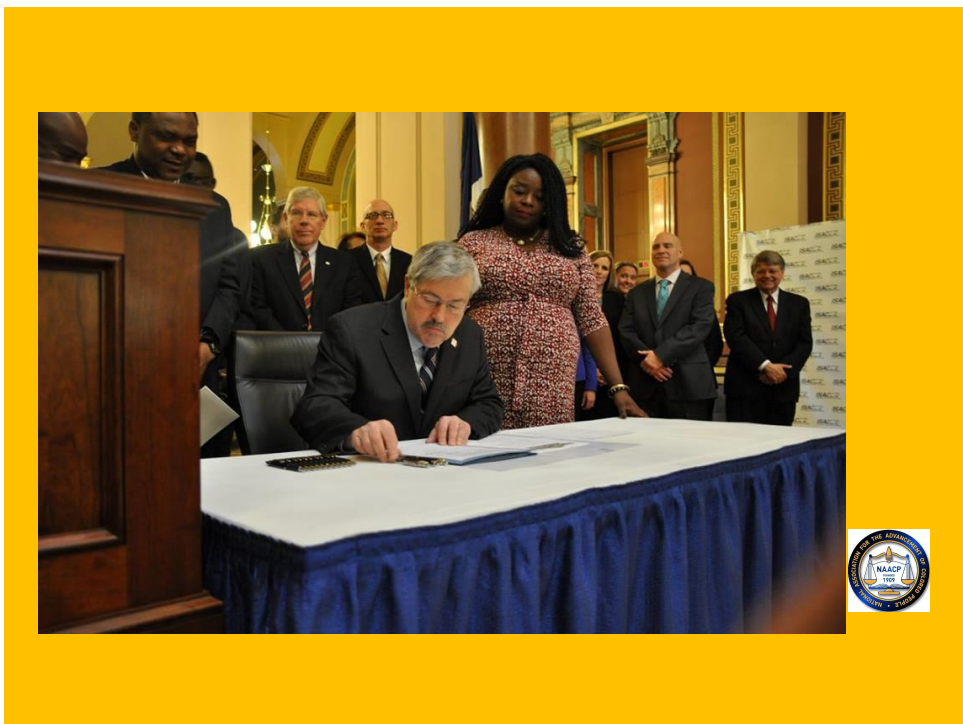
- Systemic reform – First a mindset
- Improving law enforcement practices
- Eliminating racial profiling
- Reentry measures
 - fair employment including a “Ban the Box” law
 - Education
 - Removing obstacles
- Ensuring the right to vote - permanently
- Sentencing reform
- Addressing the wealth gap
- Removing education disparities



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SAVE THE DATE!

BAM Presents the 7th Annual

IOWA SUMMIT ON JUSTICE & DISPARITIES

TUES OCTOBER 15, 2019 ~ 8AM-4:30PM

FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER 1055 SW PRAIRIE TRAIL PARKWAY, ANKENY, IOWA

REGISTER NOW
\$129 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL! BOOTHS & GROUP RATES AVAILABLE

IOWA'S GROUNDBREAKING JUSTICE REFORM EVENT

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

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GOVERNORS FOCUS COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- **ADDRESSING**
 - RE-ENTRY
 - UNBIASED CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
- **GWGCJR (Previous)**
 - Juvenile Records Sealing
 - Phone Rates
 - Jury Pool Diversification
 - Drug & Mental Health Courts

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S FOCUS COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Presented to Governor Kim Reynolds
December 11, 2019

Reducing Recidivism through Successful Reentry


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Make this a
Conversation that Counts.

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BE OK WITH BEING UNCOMFORTABLE.

This is when growth begins.

GET EDUCATED. Learn about racial justice ... and then ACT.

Podcasts, books, articles, conversations.

LEARN ABOUT PROGRAMS AND HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE EFFORTS.

Join NAACP, volunteer with Urban Dreams & Let's Talk.

Ask question about progress using a racial equity lens.

Use your platforms to advocate.

Lift-up the tireless voices in this work.

Financial & social connections are critical contributions you can make.

BE A STOP SIGN.

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STOP SAYING GOOD (SCHOOLS NEIGHBORHOODS)/BAD (SCHOOLS NEIGHBORHOODS)/.

The impact of these statements is significant.

GIVE... AND ASK OTHERS TO JOIN YOU.

Invest in organizations led by/ served by people of color.

Fund advocates.

Talk about your giving to this work.

Connect with Community Foundation staff and GIVEdsm.

ENGAGE IN POLICY EFFORTS.

Ask questions, be active in solutions and hold officials accountable.

SHOW A YOUNG PERSON OF COLOR THEY MATTER AND ARE VALUED.

Formal and informal actions matter.

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COMMUNITY
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It takes all of us to make this a
Conversation that Counts.

THANK YOU.