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PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT **(2017-1/Sept) -Butts County, Georgia**

In the interest of Humanity, Equality, and Justice, Officers at CNNA-USA are conducting OVERSIGHT for any and all proceedings involving the treatment of CHILDREN in accordance with:

1. American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (ADRIP 2016, 2017 et seq.)
2. Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN, 1989)
3. OCGA Title 15, Chapter 11, Article 5, 15-11-170 Georgia Child Advocate For The Protection of Children Act
4. Georgia Civil Practice Act, Title 9, Chapter 11, Articles 2 & 4 for Parties and Intervention

Butts County Government Officials proposes to allot millions of dollars to expand, refurbish, and or renovate criminal courts, including the Juvenile Court. Officers at CNNA-USA take issue with this prioritization of taxpayer funds to further the Prison Industrial Complex in our own backyard. It is our moral duty and Sovereign Right to intervene on behalf of families on our Indian Rolls and including families in general who file complaints with our government regarding the protection of children.

Approximately 11 million individuals are under supervision of the criminal justice system in the United States and about 5 million minor children have an incarcerated parent (Tate, 2016; Tate, M., Hart-Johnson, A., Esparanza, C., et al., 2015). According to an annual report entitled, *States of Incarceration: The Global Context 2016*, published by Prison Policy Initiative (see Citations), the **State of GEORGIA ranks No. 3** in world incarceration rates. Continuing its history as a penal colony, the State of Georgia takes the lead in probation rates and revenues (see Citations).

Arresting or requiring court appearances of minor children for behavior issues in a school setting (known as School Criminalization) is another Human Rights issue on the Mass Incarceration Continuum (Tate, 2016; Tate, M., Hart-Johnson, A., Esparanza, C., et al., 2015). To our knowledge based on eyewitness reporting, Butts County, Georgia has a long history of mistreating children, specifically Native American Aborigines (many who are misnomered African-American), children with special needs and or of low socio-economic status. Children as young as 9 years of age have been sent off from Butts County's Juvenile Court and a known child as young as 5 was criminalized for behavior in our school system.

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One of the issues we encounter daily are the fears and traumas that our people have from being violently dispossessed and historically held in subjugation through miseducation, banishment, segregation, and threat of retaliation and criminalization. Even more devastating is when parents feel forced to leave their own county to escape their children being mistreated within systems that are supposed to protect them. Officers at CNNA-USA will pursue any and all Human Rights Violation-Claims to the Fullest Extent of Local, State, Federal, and International law.

In the interest of Humanity, Equality, and Justice, Officers at CNNA-USA extends an invitation to any Butts County and State of Georgia Official- Stakeholder in the capacity of government, criminal justice, education, social services etc., to meet and establish a Program of Cooperation concerning the implementation of Restorative Justice Practices across the county and State as well. We offer the following professional trainings by appointment:

- School Criminalization & The Mass Incarceration Continuum
- Effects of Mass Incarceration on Children
- Appealing to Our Humanity Within: A Compassion Guide for Helping Professionals

We are confident, together we can collaborate and progress as a county/state, setting new trends in recognition of Human Rights for all citizens. **All children deserve to live in society free from the cruelty of zero tolerance and disparaging treatment.** In essence, it takes a village to raise a child. It is in our best interest to invest in opportunities and building construction projects that are conducive to family preservation. All it takes is a change of Heart~

Citations:

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