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(Black Child Development  
Institute)

# SPRING CONFERENCE

Location:  
Seattle Public Schools  
**John Stanford Center**  
2445 3rd Ave. S.  
Seattle, WA 98134

**8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

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**Registration/Continental  
Breakfast**

**8:30 am Plenary Keynote**

**9:45 am – 11:15 am**

**Workshop Session A**

**11:25 am – 12:55 pm**

**Workshop Session B**

**12:55 – 4:00 Luncheon**

**Keynote/ Q & A**

**1:00 pm – 1:30 pm**

**A Celebration to Black men!  
Award ceremony during luncheon!**

**1:45 pm - 3:45 Luncheon**

**Keynote/Q & A/15  
minutes book signing**



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**May 21, 2016**

## *A Future of Hope: Moving Youth from Equity to Excellence!*

### **Plenary Keynote- Anthony Shoecraft**

Anthony Shoecraft, coordinator of 100 Black Men at Southshore. Local community activist and leader share how this happened and what's next.

### **Luncheon Keynote – Janice Hale, Ph.D.**

Janice E. Hale, Ph.D. is currently a professor of early childhood education at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She is also the founding director of the Institute for the Study of the African American Child (ISAAC), a research center in the College of Education. The Mission of ISAAC is to close the achievement gap that affects African American children, in order to move them from equity to excellence and to their rightful place of leadership among African people in the world!

She is the author of three books, two of them nominated for the Pulitzer Prize! Her books included: “*Black Children: Their Roots, Culture & Learning Styles*”, “*Unbank the Fire: Visions for the Education of African American Children*”, and “*Learning While Black: Creating Educational Excellence for African American Children.*” She is one of the most sought after speakers and a renowned scholar on the learning styles of African American children and urban school reform!

## **STARS & Clock Hours Available**

**For more information contact: Beatrice Butler (206)-245-0439 or  
Kimberly Early (206)-328-9335**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bcdi-2016-conference-a-legacy-of-strength-a-future-of-hope-moving-youth-from-equity-to-excellence-tickets-24811172886>

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**If you are a City of Seattle Preschool contractor, RSVP with  
Frances Robinson at 206-233-5092**



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# ***WORKSHOP SESSIONS***

***Session A 9:45 am – 11:15 am & Session B 11:25 pm – 12:55 pm***

## **Cultivating the Genius of Black Children: Appropriate Classrooms for our Youngest Learners**

Research indicates that children of African descent have distinct, unique, exciting learning styles & learning preferences. When we create classroom environments that meet the learning needs of Black children, we create opportunities for them to excel academically and opportunities for them to do what they do best. Come learn what the best practice, the best pedagogy and the best behavior strategies for children of African descent look like in effective learning environments and develop an individualized implementation plan for what you can do to make that happen!

**Presenter: Dr. Debra Ren-Etta Sullivan, President of BCDI – Seattle, teacher, administrator & researcher**

## **Reaching Back Giving Back (RBGB) & Moving Forward**

How can today's demand for "evidence based" solutions intersect with the African American desire for culturally based solutions to many issues affecting the African American community, including issues impacting our youth? This relevant BCDI-Seattle campaign included 20 focus groups of 175 accomplished African American adults & included several focus groups of 100 African American youth who, at that time, were lodged in the King County Juvenile Detention Facility. Come to this workshop to hear panelists explore one enterprise, which succeeded in integrating the community's contribution, in a project designed to extract African American youth from the Juvenile Justice System!

**Presenters: Garry Owens & Tony Orange, the original three panelists on the five member Oversight Committee for the RBGB campaign**

## **Ensuring the Success of our Black Youth Success in Seattle!**

President Obama has placed early learning among his top priorities, calling for universal access to high quality preschool! Top researchers believe that as much as 50% of the academic "achievement gap" can be closed by effective early learning. On January 1, 2015, a new office was formed in Seattle called, the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL). Their mission is to, "To ensure that all Seattle children have the greatest opportunity to succeed in school & in life & to graduate from school ready for college & a career." What does this mean for Black children in Seattle? How will it impact them? At this workshop, come & hear about the upcoming plans and projects for our Black youth!

**Presenters: Dwane Chappelle, Director of DEEL, ex-principal of Rainer Beach High School & Sonja Griffin, DEEL Quality Assurance Manager**

## **More Than a Score - The New Uprising against High-Stakes Testing!**

According to Washington State Commission on African American Affairs, "In Washington State alone, Black students drop out, or are pushed out, at more than twice the rate of Asian/Pacific Islander students and at nearly twice the rate of White students in school! Each year, 7% of Black high school students drop out." In addition, if youth do not pass some tests given in their schools, they will not be able to graduate from high school. Standardized testing is being used as a way to punish our youth & educators alike! Now, across the country, there is a new uprising where students are walking out, parents are opting their children out, & teachers are refusing to administer these detrimental exams. What can you do in your school if you do not want your child to take that test? What are your options & how do you go about it? Come & hear about frontline fighters, who are defying the corporate education reformers, at great personal & professional risk, fueling a national movement to reclaim & transform public education!

**Presenter: Jesse Hagopian, community organizer & educator at Garfield high school**

## **Be a Change Agent Using Storytelling!**

Storytelling is an art, a tool to understanding our world. The book, *Champions of Change 'Live to Give'*, written by Jeremiah & Joshua West, is helping children of the world be "change agents" in their own community, doing little deeds that have huge impact!

Students will be able to use their own life experience to create original stories based on their community. Using the tools in the *Champions of Change* book, 'Creation Station' students will be able to share their voices. Come to this interactive creative workshop to help students become "change agents". Receive a copy of the "Live to Give" book for attending. (The books are limited to 22 people per session).

**Presenters: Beatrice & William Butler, teachers, educators, creative story tellers**

# Optimizing Rehabilitation & Moving Away from the Criminalizing of Juvenile Offenders

Black youth are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system both nationally & in Washington. African American youth are approximately 4% of the youth population in Washington, but are about 19% of convicted felons! Washington does not automatically seal criminal records for all youth offenders. Having a felony record essentially criminalizes young people. Without automatic record sealing, youth reentry into the community, including enrolling in school or college, getting a job & finding housing is extremely difficult. At this workshop, you will hear about BCDI-Seattle's four-year initiative involving African American youth incarcerated at the Green Hill School. Come to hear what we have learned from them about the juvenile justice system, as well as what you can do to be a part of an advocacy movement, supporting effective rehabilitation & successful community reentry of our young people!

**Presenters: Dr. Wanda Hackett, Chair of the BCDI-Seattle Social Justice & Equity for Youth Committee, Committee Member Kevin Washington, initiative partner Reggie Parker, Associate Superintendent Green Hill School & Debra Baker, SJEY (Social Justice & Equity for Youth) Committee**

## Hip-Hop, Black Imagery, & the Discipline Gap

The rise of hip-hop culture during the 1980s brought with it a new articulation of black expression on a variety of levels. One especially popular strain of the culture known as 'gangsta' rap helped shape mainstream perceptions of young African Americans, particularly males. Gangsta rap was based within the historical context of oppositional culture, which has traditionally had a tense relationship with education. The resulting cultural distance between teachers and students has revealed itself in the form of not only what is known as the "achievement gap," but also a "discipline gap" in which African American students are disproportionately suspended and expelled beginning in preschool. Come to this workshop to explore, why is this happening? What's the difference between "objective" and "subjective" school discipline? What is "Cool Pose"? How does academic self-esteem impact these dynamics?

**Presenter: Dr. Daudi Abe, writer, historian, author and professor at Seattle Central**

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**INDIVIDUAL:**  Student \$25\*  Regular \$40  Independent \$40

*Regular membership includes membership in a local BCDI Affiliate, if applicable*

**ORGANIZATIONAL:**  Nonprofit \$250\*  Corporate \$500

\* Student identification or proof of non-profit status must be provided.

## Membership Payment



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Don't forget to fill out the top part of membership form with your information.

May is our Membership drive month!!!

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