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The State of Black Children in Texas Summit: Standing at the Crossroads of Recovery and Resilience

February 16, 2023 | 10:00AM – 12:00PM CT

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10:00 – 10:08AM — Welcome Remarks

- [Sharon Watkins Jones](#) – Chief Equity Officer, CHILDREN AT RISK
- [Amanda McMillian](#) – President and CEO, United Way of Greater Houston

10:09 – 10:14AM — Data Highlight

10:15 – 10:37AM — [Finding a Way to Good Health](#)

Texas ranks in the bottom quarter of the states when it comes to both access to and quality of health for families of color. Our health experts will discuss these inequities and offer recommendations to resolve them.

- [Dr. Anjanette Wyatt](#) – President, American Pharmacists Association Foundation
- [Nakeenya Wilson](#) – Founder, RESTORE Family Support Services
- [Sereka Barlow](#) – CEO, YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region
 - Moderated by [Dr. Sean Haley, Ph.D.](#) – Executive Director, Center for Civic & Public Policy Improvement

10:38 – 11:00AM — [Paving a Smooth Path to Fair Justice](#)

A child's trajectory can be altered severely by a single unfair or unjust interaction. Black children have disproportionate risks of these unfortunate circumstances. Our panel of legal experts will examine the issues and prescribe measures to increase the chances of fair justice.

- [Joe Herbert](#) – Founder, DEFEND
- [Trina McReynolds Bailey](#) – Attorney and Author
- [Na'Shon Edwards, Sr.](#) – Professor of Community Development, University of Texas San Antonio and Kansas State University
 - Moderated by [Devika Kornbacher](#) – Co-Head, Tech Group, Clifford Chance/CHILDREN AT RISK Board Member and past Board Chair

11:01 – 11:28AM — [Building a Bridge to Quality Education](#)

When parents, educators, and communities work together, kids win. We've invited educators to share innovative strategies to address pandemic learning loss, the digital divide, and disparities in school discipline that are hurdles to success.

- [Kathryn McCartney](#) – CEO, Head Start of Greater Dallas
- [Dr. Marla Sheppard](#) – Deputy Chief of Academics, KIPP Texas - Houston
- [Dr. Dameion Crook](#) – Principal, Micky Leland Young Men's College Preparatory
- [Dr. Khalilah Campbell Rhone](#) – Assistant Superintendent of Transformation, Houston Independent School District
 - Moderated by [James Dirden](#) – Academic Performance Coach, Texas A+ Challenge

11:29 – 11:51AM — Meeting Basic Needs on the Journey to Success

Learning and growing is difficult when children are faced with food, housing, and safety insecurities. Our panel of experts will weigh in on the challenges and solutions to disparities Black families may experience.

- [Demethra Orion](#) – Chairwoman, Target Hunger
- [Kendra Richardson](#) – Founder, Funky Town Fridge
- [Felicia Jackson](#) – Family Support Services Manager, Houston Area Urban League
 - Moderated by [Leah King](#) – President and CEO, United Way of Tarrant County

11:52 – 12:00 PM — Closing Remarks

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