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Essex Vicinage Hosts Program Examining School to Prison Pipeline

Essex Vicinage will host an educational seminar that examines how school, community and court practices impact the entry of juveniles into the criminal justice system.

The seminar, titled “The School to Prison Pipeline,” will be held on Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rutgers Law School, Lower Atrium, 123 Washington St., Newark.

Esther Canty-Barnes, director of the Education and Health Law Clinic at Rutgers Law School, will serve as moderator. Baruti Kafele, an education consultant, former middle and high school principal, and author of “Motivating Black Males to Achieve in School and in Life” and “The Principal 50: Critical Leadership Questions for Inspiring Schoolwide Excellence,” will deliver the keynote speech.

The seminar will also feature Christopher J. Agans, director of Rutgers University’s Mountainview Program; Elsie Boddie, a civil rights expert and former director of litigation for the NAACP; Wendy Cubano, program director of Youth Build Newark Inc.; Boris Franklin, a student advocate at Rutgers University; Paula Getty, Essex County Deputy Assistant Public Defender for Juvenile Services; Jasmine Harden, program director of Newark Youth Court; the Rev. Dennis Hughes, director of the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center and pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Vauxhall; Lori Scott Pickens, director of Community Outreach, Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice; and Gwendolyn Williams, Essex County deputy assistant prosecutor for Juvenile Services.

The event, sponsored by the Essex Vicinage Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns and Rutgers University School of Law, is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Those interested in attending should register in advance at <https://law-library.rutgers.edu/court-and-community>.

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