

Think Tank Series #1: Crime and Education  
 2/26/16  
 5:30-7:30PM  
 Hollywood Community Center

**Individuals Present:** 35

**Organizations Represented:** MidSouth Peace and Justice Center, MidTown North Collaboration, STS Enterprises, Rhodes College, University of Memphis, Literacy Lighthouse, Douglas-Bungalow Crump CDC, Healthy Lifestly Alliance, Orange Mound Community Center, VECA, National Black United Front, Black Lives Matter Memphis Chapter, Shelby County Schools School Board Representative, 901 Evolution

**Topics:** Crime and Education in North Memphis

**Subtopics:** Adult Education, Child Education, Extra-Curricular Education, Intra-Communal Crime

**Summary of Brainstorms**

**Adult Education**

What's Good	Improvements/ Additions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tennessee College of Applied Technology</li> <li>● Trezevant Vo-Tech</li> <li>● Families First</li> <li>● Memphis Bio-Works</li> <li>● Benjamin Hooks Library (not in community)</li> <li>● Goodwill helps with job placement and resumes</li> <li>● Leadership Memphis: Graduate Memphis</li> <li>● Olympic Training (Trey Carter)</li> <li>● Greater Memphis Alliance for Competitive Workforce</li> <li>● Advance Memphis</li> <li>● Seedco</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More accessible, FREE, adult GED programs</li> <li>● simplify information that causes barrier to adult entry (jargon, resource access)</li> <li>● computer literacy</li> <li>● financial literacy</li> <li>● Eliminate Isolation of adults wishing to join GED programs</li> <li>● Civic classes</li> <li>● Better relationships forged with trade schools and the community</li> </ul>

### Child Education

What's Good	Improvements/ Additions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Memphis Lift (Parent Public Outreach Organization)</li> <li>● Coact Unit</li> <li>● Young Life</li> <li>● DollHouse of Douglas (Helps pregnant teens)</li> <li>● Bridges</li> <li>● 901 Evolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● mobilizing community residents to understand school's functions, resources, needs, and obligations</li> <li>● mentor programs that expose neighborhood potential and Greater Memphis area</li> <li>● More assistance to Dollhouse of Douglas</li> <li>● technical education and training</li> <li>● foreign language offered other than Spanish</li> <li>● day care centers at school</li> <li>● financial literacy</li> <li>●</li> </ul>

### Extra-Curricular Education

What's Good	Improvements/ Additions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2006 Clean Neighborhood Act</li> <li>● Community Centers</li> <li>● Churches</li> <li>● Local college outreach by Rhodes College</li> <li>● 901 Evolution</li> <li>● Smart Mule Urban Farms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Need for Parent Organizing/ organizing community partners/ and connecting them both!</li> <li>● Outreach to parents and community partners by e-mail, flyers</li> <li>● More teen jobs that are community based</li> <li>● Reactivate Hollywood Park</li> <li>● Use old, declining churches as community centers</li> <li>● improving public transit</li> <li>● Channeling youth to youth programs</li> <li>● more after school programs funded by city grants</li> <li>● intergenerational involvement (grandparents, parents, children)</li> <li>● use open land for agriculture</li> <li>● promoting school garden and community kitchen model</li> <li>● voter's education</li> </ul>

### Intra-Communal Crime

What's Good	Improvements/ Additions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Black Lives Matter Official Memphis Chapter</li> <li>● Community Groups/ Neighborhood Watch Groups</li> <li>● C.O.P Unit (next to Hollywood Library)</li> <li>● Klondike Smokey-City CDC</li> <li>● 901 Bloc Squad</li> <li>● Uncle Joe Gang Unit</li> <li>● Neighborhood Christian Center</li> <li>● Hollywood Community Center</li> <li>● J.I.F.F. (Kevin Williams)</li> <li>● Shasta Central (Rhodes College)</li> <li>● Court Ordered community service by Juvenile court system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Frequent, and less violent police patrols</li> <li>● Cooperation and forming relationships between police and residents</li> <li>● Petition for community centers and libraries to extend days and hours of operation</li> <li>● Community events should be more secured</li> <li>● Economical Solution: Felons should be offered sustainable job opportunities after release</li> <li>● Reach out to community businesses (i.e.Buckman) to increase security in the neighborhood</li> <li>● Process to eliminate blight and abandoned homes where gangs may convene</li> <li>● Pushing for more church involvement in the community</li> <li>● Business partnerships to begin summer internships, education trade programs</li> <li>● Promoting home ownership</li> <li>● Encouraging Entrepreneurship</li> <li>● Pushing for visibility by elected officials and holding them accountable for the community</li> <li>● civic classes</li> <li>● Target community organizations to establish themselves around the child's home</li> </ul>

**Next Steps:**

Charges

- Make contact with FIVE (5) institutions on the “What's Good” column of the Brainstorm charts and inquire about: programs related to YOUR area of North Memphis, possibility of programs with possible impact on YOUR area of North Memphis, how your community organization and/or stakeholders/citizens can get involved with the organization
  - Schedule a meeting with 2 of those 5 institutions in order to validate proposed collaboration and/or future (or heightened) presence in North Memphis

- Locate THREE (3) more individuals from your area to bring to the next Think Tank on May 6th!

**Next Think Tank**: Friday, May 6, 2016 5:30PM, Hollywood Community Center

**Topics**: Community Organizing and Accountability Leads to ACTION

\*\*North Memphis communities need to come to the think tank and be prepared to brainstorm tangible responses as an unit. (i.e. Douglas, Klondike, Hyde Park, etc.)

Presentations will focus on how to effectively organize within a community and the process of accountability within the community for proposed projects and actions. (i.e. committees and core groups)

Attendees will also learn tactics to implement in order to get involvement from physical residents via 'footwork' in the neighborhood.

Community Assets will be emphasized.