

Poverty Forum

March 7, 2010, 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
185 Eddie Robinson Sr. Drive

Sponsored by
Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge



Together, let us accept the challenge extended by the Louisiana Child Poverty Prevention Council to reduce the number of children living in poverty by 50% by 2018.

SCHEDULE

2:00 pm PRE-FORUM

Register, Get Acquainted, Network, and Visit Displays

3:00 pm GENERAL SESSION

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade

Blessing & Lighting of Candles

Leader: Today, we gather to remember the children in our community.
All: We remember children who are cold, hungry, in need of a shelter.
Leader: We remember children who have no one to read to them at night.
All: We remember what it was like to be a child and to dream.
Leader: Let us pray for guidance as we seek ways to help children realize their dreams.

Buddhism:	Dr. John Pickering
Christianity:	Linda Reed & friends
Hinduism:	Dibya & Diya Kafle
Judaism:	Allison & Lauren Hirsch
Islam:	Omayya Jazairli & Clair Shihadeh

Visual Presentation

Rev. John McCullough Bade

Five Ways to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Poverty (in five minutes or less)

- Government: *Mayor Kip Holden, Mayor President of East Baton Rouge Parish*
- Government: *Sylvia Andrews, City of Baton Rouge, Division of Human Development & Services/Office of Social Services*
- Business: *Cordell Haymon, SGS Petroleum Services & philanthropist*
- Faith Community Agency: *Michael Acaldo, St. Vincent de Paul*
- Faith Community: *Leslie Vincent, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church & Foundation*
- Child Poverty Prevention Council/Academic: *Dr. Pam Monroe*
- And You?

4:00 - 6:00 pm POVERTY SOLUTION TRACKS

Reality & Best Practices
Opportunities & Plans
Conclusion (in Poverty Solution Tracks)

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POVERTY FORUM SOLUTION TRACKS (Choose One)

EARLY CHILDHOOD: *Starting Strong*

Facilitator: Jenola Duke, Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge
Panel: Dr. Stewart Gordon, Chief of Pediatrics, LSUHSC at Earl K. Long Hospital
Bobbie Robertson, East Baton Rouge Schools Pre-Kindergarten Director
Gayle Smith, Earl K. Long Pediatric Clinic Literacy Advocate
Paul Kelsey, East Baton Rouge Public Library
Janie Starks, Partnerships in Childcare

EDUCATION: *Cultivating Potential*

Facilitator: Genny Nadler Thomas, Louisiana Association of Museums
Panel: Donna Wallett, Magnolia Woods Elementary School Principal
Robin Wood, Volunteer in Public Schools
Lillie Turner, St Mary's Baptist Church
Shirley Porter, Sunshine Foundation
Jennie Ponder, Truancy Assessment Center

HOUSING & JOBS: *Creating Options*

Facilitators: Ronnie Edwards, UREC; Baton Rouge Metro Council
Randy Nichols, Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless
Panel: Sam Sanders, Mid-City Redevelopment Alliance
Marion Zachary, Community Development Corporation
Mark Goodson, EBR Redevelopment Authority
Katie Underwood, Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge
Stephanie Carpenter, HIV-AIDS Alliance for Region II
Janice McAlpine, Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless

LEGISLATION: *Using Our Voices*

Facilitators: Rev. Jennifer Jones Bridgett, PICO LIFT - Interfaith Together
Dr. Martis Jones, Public Policy Analyst
Panel: Rev. Steve Beckham, First Little Rock Baptist Church
Rev. Phil Woodland, University United Methodist Church
Dianne Hanley, Catholic Charities

MENTOR FAMILIES: *Building a Foundation*

Facilitators: Jeffrey Fairley, United Methodist Hope Ministries
Diane Pitts, Catholic Charities
Panel: Chelsea Graves, Star Hill Church Mentoring Team
Kelli Rogers, Hope Ministry Mentoring Team
James Windom, Communities Committed to Re-entry
Tonya Robertson, The Young Leaders Academy of Baton Rouge, Inc.
Fred Sibley, 100 Black Men of Baton Rouge

VIOLENCE: *Restoring Peace*

Facilitator: Karen Stagg, First United Methodist Church
Panel: Martha Forbes, Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center, Inc.
Liz Betz, Capital Area CASA Association
Sgt. Denise Boudreaux, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office
Lt. Melissa Salamoni, East Baton Rouge Parish Police Department
Jeff Williams, Louisiana Field Director with Prison Fellowship