

RACE TO EQUITY

E-newsletter August 2013

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of the Race to Equity e-newsletter, which is designed to keep our friends informed, connected, and engaged about current events and upcoming opportunities.

Thank You

Race to Equity (R2E) would like to thank you for your support in helping reduce racial disparities in Dane County. To date, we have presented to more than 1,200 community members in Dane County. Through our presentations we have been able to illustrate the vast racial disparities that exist here in the county between African Americans and whites, foster dialogue about the causes of the disparities as well as potential solutions. The result of these ongoing presentations has been a significant increase in the number of community members, policy makers, agency leaders and politicians who are calling for action to address inequities and improve opportunities. We have learned that explaining our findings, answering the difficult questions, creating a space for open and honest dialogue about race and equity can have a powerful impact on folks willingness to engage, build momentum and produce action. Progress is being made, but we all have more work to do. Thank you, and let's keep moving forward.

Racial Justice Summit

Race to Equity has partnered with the YWCA to host the Racial Justice Summit on **Wednesday, October 2, 2013**. To start off the conference, a pre-summit reception honoring young artists will be held at the new Central Madison Public Library (201 W. Mifflin) on **Tuesday, October 1, 2013**. A major focus of this year's conference will be to bring together local and national experts to exchange ideas with local community stakeholders about how we might identify promising new approaches or scale-up effective existing programs that are powerful enough to meaningfully narrow the racial well-being and opportunity gaps that our data so starkly reveal. The keynote speakers for this year's summit are Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr., founder and program director for the White Privilege Conference; and Angela Glover Blackwell, founder and CEO of PolicyLink. To register for the Summit, please visit www.ywcamadison.org.

Community Advisory Conversations

After meeting with over 1,200 residents and leaders, Race to Equity has engaged local and national experts in key disparity areas to guide our thinking toward effective solutions through a series of ongoing Community Advisory Conversations (CAC's), as well as through their participation in the upcoming Race to Equity Racial Justice Summit

on October 2, 2013. The goals of the CAC's are to keep supporters engaged, highlight best practices, and identify solutions. There are four CAC's made up 5-14 individuals focusing on education, workforce development/economic stability, community/strengthening families, and juvenile justice. If you have an interest in attending any of the CAC's please email us.

Media

Race to Equity has recently been in the news. Below are three articles that reflect the work that WCCF's Race to Equity Project has been doing to build public and political will to address issues of racial disparities in Dane County through our use of data and deliberate community engagement.

Soglin decries widening racial gap in Madison's

economy: http://host.madison.com/news/local/writers/mike_ivey/article_7af9662c-fa29-11e2-9e76-001a4bcf887a.html

Mayor asks business community to step up job creation, support for

workers: http://host.madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_1cb6025d-1625-5cd2-adfc-f80da8401981.html

Trayvon Martin's story resonates with young, black men in Madison

http://host.madison.com/news/local/writers/pat_schneider/trayvon-martin-s-story-resonates-with-young-black-men-in/article_a2d0d30a-ef44-11e2-a5eb-001a4bcf887a.html

Website Launch

Coming soon! Race to Equity will launch its website the first week of September. The Race to Equity Baseline Report will be published on the website as will upcoming events, a list of community partners, and local and national resources.

Articles of Interest

Below are articles that highlight many of the equity and justice related stories in the news ranging from social mobility to juvenile justice.

In Climbing Income Ladder, Location Matters. A study featured in the *New York Times* finds the odds of rising to another income level are notably low in certain cities, like Atlanta and Charlotte, and much higher in New York and Boston Link: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/22/business/in-climbing-income-ladder-location-matters.html?hp>

Demographic Change Amplifying Racial Inequities

Link: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/07/18/minority-demographic-changes_n_3618783.html

The Truth About Trayvon

Link: http://p.nytimes.com/email/re?location=InCMR7g4BCKC2wiZPkcVUvNa/mZe4pF2&user_id=608d6fb4f0ae61e0c24997794394f59c&email_type=eta&task_id=1374027976715012®i_id=0

Inequality In U.S. Is Scarily High, Rising (INFOGRAPHIC)

Link: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/12/inequality-us- n_3421381.html

*The primary mission of Race To Equity (R2E) is to build a fairer, more just and competitive community by narrowing the gaps in the opportunities and outcomes between families of color and larger community. It is a project under the auspices of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families.