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WOMEN for
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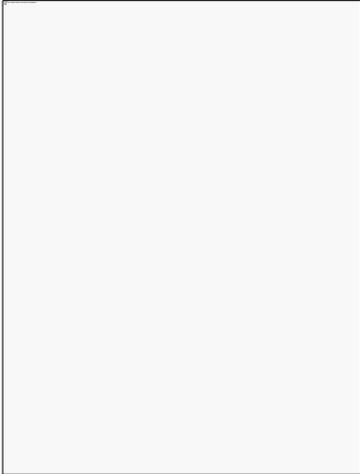
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Juvenile Justice Introduction

Your Facilitators



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Angelica, a native New Jerseyan hailing from Cumberland County, lives in Cherry Hill with her husband, stepson, and pet chinchilla. She has a degree in Near Eastern History from Princeton University and works in the non-profit education space as an executive talent recruiter. Angelica co-leads the Racial Justice Action Group, in addition to serving as a board member and social media moderator.



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Jennifer is an activist, writer and nonprofit consultant with extensive experience in executive management, strategic planning, fundraising and communications. She has a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Drawing and currently co-leads SJWPC's Racial Justice Action Group. She lives in Merchantville.

SJWPC Background

An Overview

SJWPC Mission

South Jersey Women for Progressive Change (SJWPC) connects, educates and empowers women to enact progressive change in our communities, state and nation. We are an intersectional action network that amplifies the voices of our members (including those who are trans and non-binary), engages in political discourse and actively works to dismantle systems of oppression.

What We Have Accomplished

SJWPC was formed in 2016 by a few courageous women who sought to leverage the power of our community, the smarts of our members and the incredible foundation that has been laid by the women before us. Some of our accomplishments to date include:

- **Support of Muslim sisters.** One of our first public meetings was held at a Mosque at the start of the 2017 Muslim Ban when 300 women stood behind our Muslim sisters to elevate their voices and support their work welcoming refugees into Camden County.
- **Holding Elected Officials Accountable.** We formed a coalition that successfully pressured Camden County Freeholders to pass a Fair and Welcoming Resolution for Immigrants, sent dozens of OPRA requests seeking to hold the NJ AG accountable for the in-custody death of Marshall Zamor and we endorsed Tanzie Youngblood for US Congress in Congressional District 2.
- **Building Trans Awareness.** We held a film screening of “Gender Journeys” and a discussion led by the film producer and featured actors.
- **Ratifying the Progressive Platform** that drives our organizing today.
- **Supporting New Jersey Black Lives Matter** by supporting local community-building work, raising funds, collecting books and educating our members on racism and white supremacy.
- **We’ve grown our network to more than 8,000 members!**

Our Current Activities

Immigration

Political Engagement and Voter Registration

Racial Justice and Civil Rights

SJWPC Infrastructure Development

Racial Justice Action Group

Racial Justice Study Group

Supporting local and regional organizing campaigns
(starting with 150 Years)

Fundraising to support groups led by People of Color

Future Interests

- Volunteer Motorpool to provide transportation to prisons on Mother's Day
- Doormat Campaign to raise money for Burlington County NAACP Freedom Fund (and in the future, other beneficiaries)
- Support urban anti-gun violence initiatives
- Fall Forum (topics of interest: school-to-prison pipeline, voter suppression, segregation, economic justice)

#150Years Campaign

An Overview

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Established in 1999, the institute's advocacy is aimed at toppling load-bearing walls of structural inequality to create just, vibrant, and healthy urban communities. They accomplish this through:

- Research
- Analysis and writing
- Public education
- Grassroots organizing
- Communications
- Development of pilot programs
- Legislative strategies
- Litigation

The Institute advocates for systematic reform that is at once transformative, achievable in the state, and replicable in communities across the nation.

The Juvenile Justice Imperative

- Even though Black and white kids commit crime at similar rates, 2/3 of kids in NJ's youth prisons are Black.
- This gives New Jersey the third-highest Black/white youth incarceration disparity rate in the nation.
- NJ spends over \$200,000 to incarcerate each child for one year and about \$60 million to fund its 3 youth prisons. Yet the state spends only \$8 million for prevention and community support.
- The most recent recidivism statistics show that 80% had a new court filing/arrest, 68% had a new adjudication/conviction, and nearly 33% were recommitted within three years of release.

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- Governor Christine has made a commitment to close Jamesburg and Hayes
- NJISJ is seeking a commission to determine the appropriate course for treatment, care and placement of those currently serving time
- Local advocates support NJISJ's calls to action and events
- NJISJ is supporting the development of local strategies for transparency, accountability and prevention

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Tactics throughout the course of the campaign will include:

- Letters to the editor
- Outreach to elected officials
- Engagement with County Youth Services Commissions
- Attending events
- Hosting forums and community town halls
- Building coalitions

Questions for Part 1?

- SJWPC and our work
- New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
- The juvenile justice landscape
- 150Years Campaign broadly

During Part 2, we will get into:

- Our specific County strategy
- Your role
- Next Steps
- Additional Questions



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Juvenile Justice Training – Part II

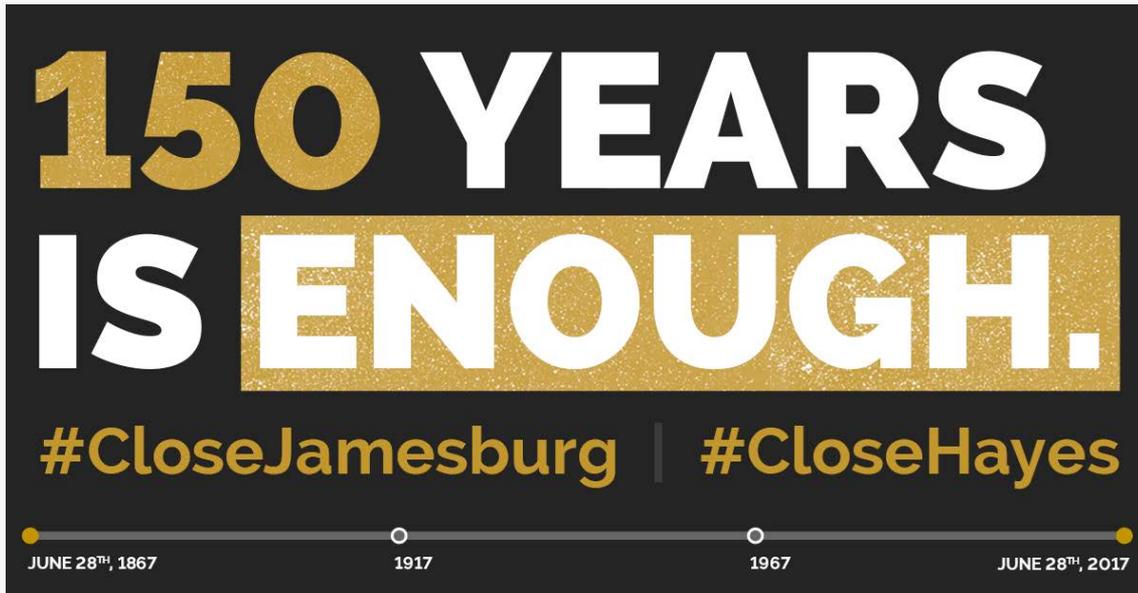
Introductions

1. Tell us your name
2. How do you spend your time (in one sentence)



“The less you think about your oppression, the more your tolerance for it grows. After a while, people just think oppression is the normal state of things. But to become free, you have to be acutely aware of being a slave.”

— Assata Shakur



Goals of #150Years Campaign

An Overview

Our County Strategy

The mechanics of our campaign in South Jersey

Four Steps of Inquiry

Research

- Try through email, then through phone calls
- Answer key questions
- Fill in Google tracking doc
- Let us know you completed your assignment

Assessment

- Come together to assess and evaluate learnings
- Determine weaknesses and low hanging fruit for each county
- Prioritize goals, tactics, activities
- Develop strategies

County-Based Strategy Development

- Finalize customized county-by-county strategies
- Develop Calls to Action/Communications Plan
- Confirm County Liaisons who can meet with Commissioners

Execute Calls to Action

- Meet with Stakeholders
- Engage in Communications Plan
- Report Back to NJISJ

Our Role as Individuals & Collectively



Research Phase:

- Our roles are as concerned citizens



Assessment Phase:

- Our role is to learn, be open and act as a steward for marginalized and at-risk youth.
- If we have subject matter expertise, we should share and integrate it. If you know someone with expertise, can you engage them?



Strategy Development Phase:

- We will be driven by expertise, our values and also our commitment to SJWPC's role and position



Execution Phase:

- Our role is to represent SJWPC and our members and to act as NJISJ partners and advocates.

Thoughts from the Group

1. What are you excited about?
2. What are you concerned about?

Google Tracking Document

Email Templates

Call Script


County Youth Services Commission (YSC)
Information Log

Youth Commission Website: <http://www.atlantic-county.org/youth-services-commission/>
 County Information Owner:
 Contact YSC Contacted:
 Date(s) Information Received:
 Who Provided Information from the County (Title, if available):

Confirm or Ask...	Response
1a. When are meetings scheduled for the Youth Services Commission?	1a. Third Monday of each month @ 2:30pm http://www.atlantic-county.org/youth-services-commission/meeting-schedule.asp
1b. Where are meetings held?	1b. Atlantic County Office Building, 1303 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, N.J. (20th fl. conference room)
2a. Who is on the Commission?	2a. http://www.atlantic-county.org/county-board-of-boards/board.asp?ID=20
2b. Is this information publicly available? Or would it need to be requested?	2b.
3a. How are members appointed or elected to the Commission?	3a.
3b. Are member positions designated for concerned citizens?	3b.
4a. Who are the service providers receiving funding?	4a.
4b. Is this information publicly available? Or would it need to be requested?	4b.
5. What is the funding source for service providers	5.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QzVbnrYk7JmpXejs48o5xDYQBhjUaQXaPEZ4XBHX81g/edit?ts=5ab122eb>

Questions?

- The 150 Years Campaign and our partner, NJISJ
- SJWPC, our structure and our role
- Our county-based strategy
- Your role as an advocate
- Anything else you need to know to make a commitment or get started

Assignments

- Which counties will you take (doesn't need to be your own for the Research Phase)?
- What support will you need?

Timeline

- Week of March 20th – Get Started
- April 4-6 – Check in with Angelica and Jenn
- April 13 – Research due on shared Google document
- May 5 – Evaluation meeting at Collingswood Library

Next Steps

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- Assign counties to participants for research
- Identify opportunities of interest: 3/27 CCYSC mtg, NJISJ webinar 3/28
- Join the email list for NJISJ/Follow on FB
- Review email/call scripts, shared google document, YSC website and documents
- Call/Email Jenn/Angelica with questions

Campaign Lessons from Closing Youth Prisons



Mishi
Faruqee



Retha
Onitiri



Krystal
Seruya



Hernan
Carvente

Join us as we discuss the campaign to end youth prisons. What lessons can we learn from the Youth First Initiative and what still needs to be done?

Wednesday, March 28
12:30 p.m. EDT



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Thank You for joining us!

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