



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
GRANTMAKERS

## Funder Bus Tour: Breaking the School to Prison Pipeline



### Learning Objectives

- (1) Deepen understanding of the school-to-prison pipeline and local efforts to build opportunity structures to dismantle it, especially for young men of color;
- (2) Hear youth leaders, staff organizers, policy advocates, and CBO Executive Directors discuss the impact of their work supported by philanthropic investments, and
- (3) Engage in conversation about how to amplify early successes.

- 8:00am Continental Breakfast
- 8:15am Opening remarks
- Kameron Green (SCG) - Welcome
  - Charles Fields (TCE) - Setting the Context: School-to-Prison Pipeline
  - Vincent Jones (Reinvent Communications) - Overview of Day
- 8:30am Student leaders guide guests to busses
- 8:40am Buses depart for Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall
- 9:15am Arrive at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall
- 9:30am Tour of Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall
- 10:00am Meet group of currently incarcerated students
- 10:10am Small Group Conversations
- The Neighborhood: Families & Schools: What is and is not working?
    - Seng So, Khmer Girls in Action
    - Ben Salk, Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition
    - Romeo, Bryshawn, Daniel (Sylmar juvenile hall students)
  - Sentencing Reform
    - Scott Budnick, Anti-Recidivism Coalition
    - Karren Lane, Community Coalition
    - Jaime & Jorge (Sylmar juvenile hall students)

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- Reentry: Opportunities to reduce recidivism
  - D’artagnan Scorza, Social Justice Learning Institute
  - Jeffrey Wallace, LeadersUP
  - Peter, Khalid, Victor (Sylmar juvenile hall students)
  - Carlton Flamer, Social Justice Learning Institute (BLOOM youth)
- Violence: preventing violence before it happens
  - Kailie Shilling, Violence Prevention Coalition
  - Mark-Anthony Johnson, Dignity & Power Now
  - Michael, Terrell & Edgar (Sylmar juvenile hall students)
- Education Inside: The Good, the Bad, and The Ugly
  - Niaz Kasravi, Anti-Recidivism Coalition
  - Kionni & Carlos (Sylmar juvenile hall students)

10:30am Opportunity to switch groups

10:50am Debrief

11:20am Return to bus

11:30am Depart to Manual Arts High School

- Henry Perez (Inner City Struggle) & Seng So (Khmer Girls in Action) - will provide context about school climate reforms throughout the region across the state and connections to school-to-prison pipeline.

12:00pm Arrive at Manual Arts / Exit bus in front of the school

Welcome/Greetings

- Robert Whitman, Manual Arts High School
- Veronica Melvin, LA’s Promise
- Manual Arts Students

12:10pm Student Roundtable Lunch – *Improving School Climate, Improves School Results*

- *Manual Arts Students*
  - Michael Davis, Strategy Center
  - Damien Valentine, Community Coalition
  - Brotherhood Crusade Youth
- Henry Perez, Inner City Struggle
- Seng So, Khmer Girls in Action
- Shane Goldsmith, Liberty Hill (Moderator)

- 12:45pm      Tour of Manual Arts
- Local experts will provide additional context
    - Alexander Deleon, Gay Straight Alliance Network (LGBTQ)
    - George Weaver, Brotherhood Crusade (Restorative Justice)
    - Ruth Cusick, Public Counsel (Monitoring implementation)
    - Henry Perez, Inner City Struggle (Equity is Justice)
    - Ashley Franklin, Labor/Community Strategy Center (policing on campuses)
- 1:30pm      Debrief: State & National perspectives, implications for regional philanthropy
- 2:30pm      Depart Manual Arts
- 3:00pm      Event Concludes