



#HERDREAM DEFERRED
A Series on The Status of Black Women in America

Social Media Guide

Throughout American history, Black women have mobilized against societal inequality, working to advance racial justice on behalf of themselves, their children, families and communities. Despite the central role they have played in movements for civil rights, the challenges Black women face at the intersections of race and gender have consistently been relegated to the margins of dominant racial and gender justice discourses.



“This is a **critical moment** to uplift the realities of Black women and girls, and to push back against the common misconception that they are doing ‘just fine.’”

-Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw

#HerDreamDeferred elevates the issues confronting Black women and girls that are often cast into the shadows of public concern.

In honor of Women's History Month and the second year of the UN's International Decade for People of African Descent, AAPF, CISPS, and other leading racial and gender justice organizations host the second annual Her Dream Deferred series to elevate the crisis facing Black women and girls. Each day from March 28-April 1, tune in for online events to highlight a specific set of challenges facing Black women and other women of color.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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#BlackGirlsMatter: Countering Criminalization In and Out of School

Featuring: Monique Morris, Priscilla Ocen, Samantha Master, Jamilia Blake, and Nadiyah Shereff

TUESDAY, March 29

Igniting Change with Barbara Arnwine: #StandingUpForMom: Resisting the War on Black Single

Featuring: Lisalyn Jacobs, Kiese Laymon, and Luke Harris

WEDNESDAY, March 30

Race and Gender Below the Mason-Dixon: The Status of Women of Color in the South

Featuring: Heidi Hartmann, Chandra Childers, Charmaine Davis, and Gina Brown

THURSDAY, March 31

The Unspeakable Truth: The Reality of Sexual Assault at HBCUs

Featuring: Jamilah Lemieux, Farah Tanis, and Synclaire Butler

FRIDAY, April 1

Neglected at Home After Serving Abroad: The Story of Black Women Veterans

Featuring: Anu Baghwati and Marcel Edward

All events are free and open to the public. Webinars take place at 2pm EST and Tuesday's radio show is at 12pm EST.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
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#HERDREAMDEFERRED TWEETS

DAY ONE: #BlackGirlsMatter: Countering Criminalization In and Out of School

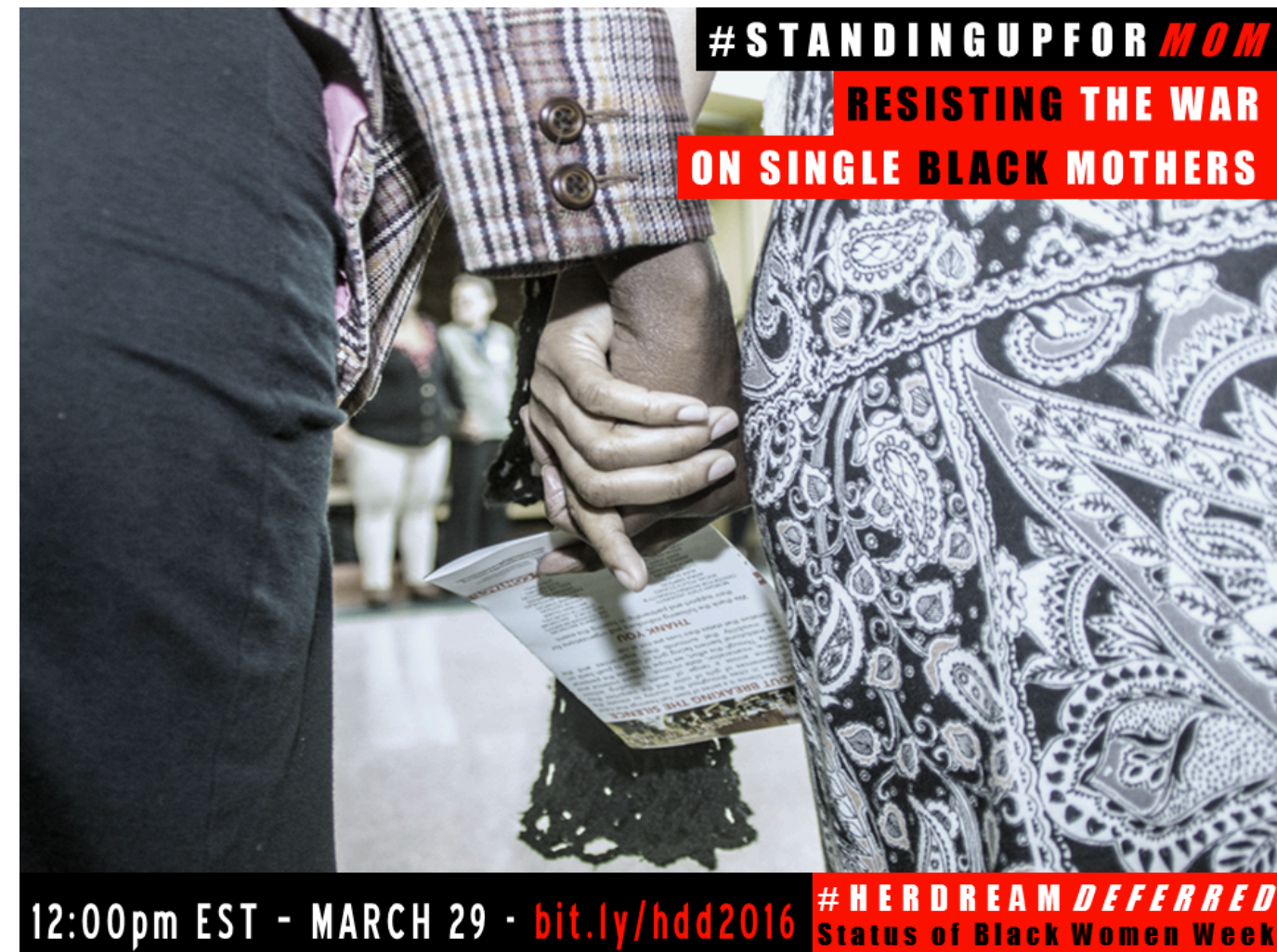
- 1 Black girls represent 16% of female students but almost half of all girls with a school-related arrest. #HerDreamDeferred #BlackGirlsMatter
- 2 Black girls are suspended 6x the rate of white girls. Black boys are suspended 3x the rate of white boys #HerDreamDeferred #BlackGirlsMatter
- 3 More than 60% of the 300,000 gay & transgender youth arrested or detained each year are Black or Latino #HerDreamDeferred #BlackGirlsMatter
- 4 The 90's 'super predator' theory became a driving force towards militarization of school discipline. #BlackGirlsMatter #HerDreamDeferred
- 5 Starting in Sept., IL schools will limit zero tolerance policies. Schools CAN move away from these harmful policies. #HerDreamDeferred



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DAY TWO: #StandingUpForMom: Resisting the War on Black Single Mothers

- 1 The 'welfare queen' stereotype is a lie. Since '74, single motherhood has increased. Welfare benefits have declined #HerDreamDeferred
- 2 U.S. single mothers have the highest poverty rates in comparison to those in all industrialized countries. #HerDreamDeferred #StandUpForMom
- 3 First Amendment Defense Act has been used to deny employed mothers family leave & fire single teachers who become pregnant #HerDreamDeferred
- 4 "Scarlet Letter Law" forced single moms to publish their sexual histories if they didn't know the identity of the father. #HerDreamDeferred
- 5 The Moynihan report began an era of victim-blaming narratives & racist legislation that still demonizes poor Black mothers #HerDreamDeferred



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DAY THREE: Race and Gender Below the Mason-Dixon Advancing the Status of Women of Color in the South

- 1 Among women in the South, Black women have the highest poverty rate at 25.5% #HerDreamDeferred
- 2 Closing the gender wage gap would reduce the poverty rate for working women in the southern U.S. by more than half. #HerDreamDeferred
- 3 17 states fund abortions for Medicaid-eligible, poor women in medical emergencies. W. Virginia is the only southern state #HerDreamDeferred
- 4 .@IWPRresearch found that across 6 areas re: women's economic wellbeing, no Southern state was graded higher than a C- #HerDreamDeferred
- 5 More Black mothers are primary breadwinners in the South (1.6 million) than in all other states combined (1.5 million). #HerDreamDeferred



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DAY FOUR: The Unspeakable Truth: The Reality of Sexual Assault at HBCUs

- 1 Approximately 40% of Black women report coercive contact of a sexual nature by age 18. #HerDreamDeferred #SayHerName
- 2 The lifetime rate of rape / attempted rape for Black women is 18.8%. #HerDreamDeferred #SayHerName
- 3 9.7% of female HBCU undergrads report experiencing sexual assault since entering college. The rate is 13.7% at non-HBCUs. #HerDreamDeferred
- 4 From a study of undergrads at 4 HBCUs: 69.2% of sexual assault victims told someone close. Only 9.9% told ther police. #HerDreamDeferred
- 5 From a study of undergrads @ 4 HBCUs: 75.6% of victims of incapacitated sexual assault were drinking before the incident #HerDreamDeferred



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DAY FIVE: Neglected at Home After Serving: The Story of Black Women

- 1 A 2013 report conducted by the U.S. Govt. Accountability Office showed that 45% of homeless veterans were Black women. #HerDreamDeferred
- 2 The Women Veterans Summit (WVS) revealed that veterans of color constituted 71% of the VA homeless women veterans program #HerDreamDeferred
- 3 Blk transgender veterans were almost 2x as likely as cis gendered veterans to have reported sexual trauma in the military #HerDreamDeferred
- 4 Even when they have more years of service, Black women in the military generally hold lower ranks than white counterparts. #HerDreamDeferred
- 5 Blk women who are sexually traumatized in the military are one of the fastest growing segments of the homeless population #HerDreamDeferred



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