

B.R.E.A.D. Updates

Hire and Better Pay! Don't Throw Away

The steering committee for this campaign had a conference call with one of the staff members in Council Member Elizabeth Brown's office today. The hearing on the ordinance that will create living wage jobs for people with criminal backgrounds has been moved to April. We will follow up with more details soon! We need large numbers of people to attend and show support. We also need people to offer a testimony regarding their own, family members or friends struggle with employment because of a criminal record. Please contact the BREAD office, [614-220-9363](tel:614-220-9363) if you would like to share your story.

Juvenile Justice

The committee met with Judge Gill's office recently and learned that between the Fall of 2013 and the Summer of 2016, the Restorative Justice program in the Juvenile Court has seen 130 cases. There is a plan to expand the program into 3 more communities. The committee has a follow up meeting scheduled for April 25th with the Judge.

The committee is gearing up for a meeting with School Superintendent, Dr. Good, on April 4th. They will present our findings on suspensions and alternatives. Follow the link below to a video done by the Kirwan Institute (the committee met with them this week) that shows why something must be done NOW: <http://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/researchandstrategicinitiatives/school-discipline/>

The Violence Must Stop

According to a recent Dispatch article Columbus ranks 7th highest in murders across the country! The Violence Must Stop! All representatives of the Court of Common Pleas have been invited to attend the Nehemiah Action to offer their support for proven strategies to reduce gang violence. BREAD will be meeting with judges in the next month to press for their attendance.

Welcome Columbus

After a recent meeting with Councilmember Stinziano, it is going to take our people power to move the rest of Council to support legislation for a municipal ID program. A follow up meeting with Stinziano is scheduled for April 10th. The committee will also meet with the City Attorney, School Board Members, and others to move this program forward.