

# Poverty Forum

March 7, 2010, 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church  
185 Eddie Robinson Sr. Drive

Sponsored by  
Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge



Together, let us accept the challenge extended by the Louisiana Child Poverty Prevention Council to reduce the number of children living in poverty by 50% by 2018.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **2:00 pm PRE-FORUM**

Register, Get Acquainted, Network, and Visit Displays

### **3:00 pm GENERAL SESSION**

#### **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

*Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade*

#### **Blessing & Lighting of Candles**

Leader: Today, we gather to remember the children in our community.  
All: We remember children who are cold, hungry, in need of a shelter.  
Leader: We remember children who have no one to read to them at night.  
All: We remember what it was like to be a child and to dream.  
Leader: Let us pray for guidance as we seek ways to help children realize their dreams.

Buddhism:	Dr. John Pickering
Christianity:	Linda Reed & friends
Hinduism:	Dibya & Diya Kafle
Judaism:	Allison & Lauren Hirsch
Islam:	Omayya Jazairli & Clair Shihadeh

#### **Visual Presentation**

*Rev. John McCullough Bade*

#### **Five Ways to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Poverty (in five minutes or less)**

- Government: *Mayor Kip Holden, Mayor President of East Baton Rouge Parish*
- Government: *Sylvia Andrews, City of Baton Rouge, Division of Human Development & Services/Office of Social Services*
- Business: *Cordell Haymon, SGS Petroleum Services & philanthropist*
- Faith Community Agency: *Michael Acaldo, St. Vincent de Paul*
- Faith Community: *Leslie Vincent, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church & Foundation*
- Child Poverty Prevention Council/Academic: *Dr. Pam Monroe*
- And You?

### **4:00 - 6:00 pm POVERTY SOLUTION TRACKS**

Reality & Best Practices  
Opportunities & Plans  
Conclusion (in Poverty Solution Tracks)

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## ***POVERTY FORUM SOLUTION TRACKS (Choose One)***

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD: *Starting Strong***

Facilitator: Jenola Duke, Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge  
Panel: Dr. Stewart Gordon, Chief of Pediatrics, LSUHSC at Earl K. Long Hospital  
Bobbie Robertson, East Baton Rouge Schools Pre-Kindergarten Director  
Gayle Smith, Earl K. Long Pediatric Clinic Literacy Advocate  
Paul Kelsey, East Baton Rouge Public Library  
Janie Starks, Partnerships in Childcare

### **EDUCATION: *Cultivating Potential***

Facilitator: Genny Nadler Thomas, Louisiana Association of Museums  
Panel: Donna Wallett, Magnolia Woods Elementary School Principal  
Robin Wood, Volunteer in Public Schools  
Lillie Turner, St Mary's Baptist Church  
Shirley Porter, Sunshine Foundation  
Jennie Ponder, Truancy Assessment Center

### **HOUSING & JOBS: *Creating Options***

Facilitators: Ronnie Edwards, UREC; Baton Rouge Metro Council  
Randy Nichols, Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless  
Panel: Sam Sanders, Mid-City Redevelopment Alliance  
Marion Zachary, Community Development Corporation  
Mark Goodson, EBR Redevelopment Authority  
Katie Underwood, Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge  
Stephanie Carpenter, HIV-AIDS Alliance for Region II  
Janice McAlpine, Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless

### **LEGISLATION: *Using Our Voices***

Facilitators: Rev. Jennifer Jones Bridgett, PICO LIFT - Interfaith Together  
Dr. Martis Jones, Public Policy Analyst  
Panel: Rev. Steve Beckham, First Little Rock Baptist Church  
Rev. Phil Woodland, University United Methodist Church  
Dianne Hanley, Catholic Charities

### **MENTOR FAMILIES: *Building a Foundation***

Facilitators: Jeffrey Fairley, United Methodist Hope Ministries  
Diane Pitts, Catholic Charities  
Panel: Chelsea Graves, Star Hill Church Mentoring Team  
Kelli Rogers, Hope Ministry Mentoring Team  
James Windom, Communities Committed to Re-entry  
Tonya Robertson, The Young Leaders Academy of Baton Rouge, Inc.  
Fred Sibley, 100 Black Men of Baton Rouge

### **VIOLENCE: *Restoring Peace***

Facilitator: Karen Stagg, First United Methodist Church  
Panel: Martha Forbes, Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center, Inc.  
Liz Betz, Capital Area CASA Association  
Sgt. Denise Boudreaux, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office  
Lt. Melissa Salamoni, East Baton Rouge Parish Police Department  
Jeff Williams, Louisiana Field Director with Prison Fellowship