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Healing Justice In Arts Education

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OUR GOALS

 Understand the role of healing justice in education

 Ground ourselves in collective hope practices

• Explore ways to integrate what we've learned into our work

GROUP EXPECTATIONS

- Active Listening
- Speak YOUR Truth
- Stay Engaged & Be Courageous
- Check Assumptions
- Move up/Move back



Question?

What is the racialized history of education in the US?

Slavery & Compulsory Ignorance

 Black parents and allies create a system of public education available to all students

Jim Crow & Racially Segregated Schools

- Black independent schools are formed
- Youth activism brings about Brown vs. Board of Education

Boarding Schools

• Resistance by Native parents and students

Linguistic Injustice

 Chicano Civil Right Movement, Bilingual and Bicultural Education





How is this history relevant to the current state of education?

Root causes of oppression persist and lead to detrimental impacts on students...

- Disproportionate discipline
- School push-out
- School-to-prison pipeline
- English-only Movement
- Re-segregated schools



HOPE and HEALING in URBAN EDUCATION

....proposes a new movement of healing justice to repair the damage done by the erosion of hope resulting from structural violence in urban communities.

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TOWARD COLLCETIVE HOPE

"Similar to the concept of Ubuntu, collective hope in the Unites States has been at the root of efforts to transform schools, change social policy, and create opportunities for young people."

COLLECTIVE HOPE involves:

- Shared Experiences
- Radical Imagination
- Critical Action



RADICAL IMAGINATION Reflective Writing

- What would it look like if we didn't incarcerate young people? What are the alternatives that you can imagine?
- What if, instead of punishment in schools, we had practices that restore community?
- What does it look like for our community to take care of one another in the classroom?

CRITICAL ACTION Creating Together

- 1. Create a Ritual
- 2. Performance via Tableau
- 3. Collective Poem

Arts Corps' Social Justice Framework for Teaching Artists

- Look in the Mirror
- Walk in the Door
- Connect with Students
- Build It Together
- Leave The Room

RESOURCES



HOPE AND HEALING

How Urban Activists and Teachers are Reclaiming Matters of the Heart



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A critical tool in the fight to save and improve public education



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