

The Inaugural Reproductive Justice, Sexual Health, and Social Justice Think Tank Marks a Historic Day for Health Equity

Milestone Achieved: A Collaborative Community Gathering of Minds Think Tank in Atlanta, Georgia

DECATUR, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES, September 5, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- This past Saturday marked a historic moment with the inaugural event of the Reproductive, Sexual, and Social Justice Think Tank, hosted by [100 Black Trans Men, Inc.](#) Co-moderator Berthine Crèvecoeur West, CEO of [Westbridge Solutions](#), and Thought Leader [Dr. Elijah Nicholas](#), Executive Director of 100 Black Trans Men, Inc. orchestrated a fertile ground for vibrant discussions, uniting voices from nearly ten intersecting narratives and fostering a collaborative spirit across 20 community partnerships in the southeastern states.



Dr. Tonyka McKinney, 2AM Ricky, Dr. Elijah Nicholas, Dr. Marquay Davis, Berthine Crèvecoeur West, Julian Clarke. Reproductive Justice Panel Segment panelist and moderators.

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Building Black TransGender Men to Lead In a World of Change...”

Dr. Elijah Nicholas, Executive Director - 100 Black Trans Men, Inc.

The Think Tank was convened with the prime objective of delving deep into pressing themes of:

Reproductive Justice – which emphasized the advocacy for the reproductive rights of Black transgender men, echoing the need to build systems that respect and nurture their autonomy.

Sexual Health – highlighting the necessity of a comprehensive approach to sexual health that embraces

the complex narratives and experiences of the community.

Social Justice – underlining the broader societal shifts required to foster a culture of equity and inclusivity.

Berthine expressed, "Collaborating with Dr. Elijah Nicholas and witnessing a brilliant consortium of panelists dissect critical issues was a monumental experience. This Think Tank demonstrated the burgeoning collaborative spirit across our communities, providing a much-needed platform for dialogues that can shape our future."

Adding to this sentiment, Dr. Elijah Nicholas noted, "Today, we united to create a rich tapestry of narratives that echo the diverse perspectives and aspirations of communities across the southeastern states. This Think Tank serves as a beacon, guiding us on a journey of empathy, understanding, and advocacy for the rights and well-being of Black transgender men."

Several prominent figures graced the event, adding depth and substance to the discussions.

Georgia State Representative Park Cannon of District 58 encouraged proactive participation in the political landscape. She stressed, "Engaging in the political sphere is vital. I urge everyone to consider becoming a Page or Intern during the 2024 Legislative session. Your visibility, representation, and vote can significantly influence the decisions that impact Reproductive Justice, Sexual Health, and Social Justice."



Representative Park Cannon, Malik Santiago, Brayland Brown, Dr. Elijah Nicholas (standing) during the Social Justice Panel Segment of the Think Tank



Community Partners who helped make the Think Tank possible...

Dr. Marquay Davis, a Retired Air Force Veteran, championed the call for personal advocacy and universal health equity. He affirmed, "As we strive for health equity, we must remember the power of self-advocacy. Ensuring access to comprehensive care for all is not just an aspiration,

but a right that must be upheld and protected for every individual."

Brayland Brown, MBA, Director of Community Engagement for 100 Black Trans Men, Inc. and the founder of Visibility 365, underscored the critical role of visibility and leadership within the Black transgender community. He remarked, "Fostering Black transgender visibility and leadership is integral to building a resilient community. This approach ensures immediate access to lifesaving care and resources, creating a safety net that can protect and uplift generations."

During the think tank, various areas were strategically explored, fostering insights and action plans in:

- Education & Awareness - aiming to build an informed community ready to advocate for meaningful change.
- Legal & Ethical Considerations – addressing urgent legal and ethical dilemmas affecting the Black transgender community daily.
- Collaboration & Partnership – nurturing alliances that amplify community-driven initiatives' impact.
- Gender Equality & Technological Innovations – envisioning a future where technology plays a pivotal role in promoting gender equality and inclusivity.

Participants were also equipped with a comprehensive action plan, encouraging them to undertake SWOT analyses within their organizations, fostering a strategic approach to navigate multifaceted challenges and carve out a path towards justice, equality, and compassion.

As we forge ahead, the Think Tank stands as a beacon of hope, solidarity, and collaborative effort, promising a future marked by justice, equality, and understanding. The echoes of this event reverberate with the potential of shaping a brighter and inclusive future.

About 100 Black Trans Men, Inc.

100 Black Trans Men, Inc. stands at the vanguard of advancing the rights and well-being of Black Transgender Men. Through initiatives like the Reproductive Justice, Sexual Health, and Social Justice Think Tank, the organization aims to foster a society where dignity, autonomy, and health equity are a tangible reality, catalyzing positive change through collaborative community efforts across the nation.

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