



Iowa Summit On JUSTICE & DISPARITIES

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AHMAUD ARBERY CASE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FLYNN BROADY, JR. TO KEYNOTE THE IOWA SUMMIT ON JUSTICE & DISPARITIES A Principal Summit Focus Will Be Iowa Juvenile Justice System Inequities

Des Moines... The Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities is honored to host Flynn Broady, Jr. as Keynote Speaker for the 9th annual event on December 14th. Flynn is the Cobb County District Attorney whose office oversaw the successful prosecution of three men in the murder of Ahmaud Arbery in November. The 2021 Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities will be held in person at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, a suburb of Des Moines, Iowa. The Summit will also feature Daphne Robinson, prominent attorney and prosecutor for more than 20 years in the juvenile justice system and author of *Delinquent: How the American Juvenile Justice System is Failing Black Children*. There is still time to register at WWW.IOWAJUSTICESUMMIT.ORG. The Des Moines Branch NAACP serves as presenting sponsor for the event.

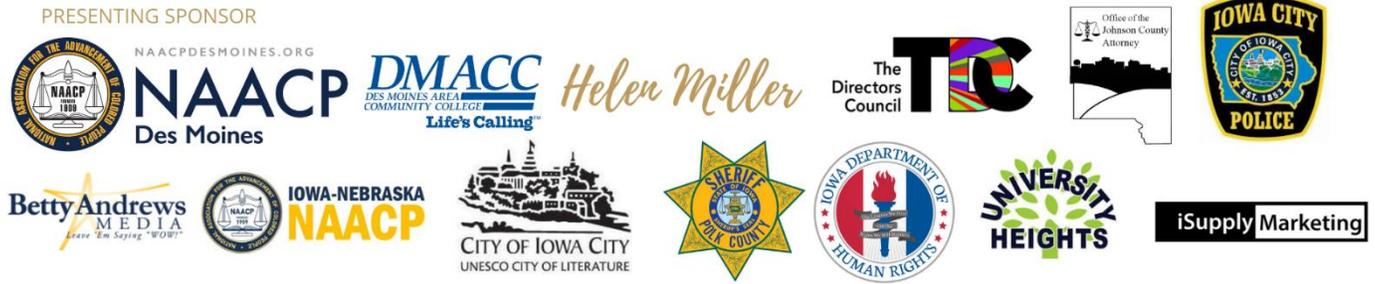
“District Attorney Broady is an ideal keynote speaker for the Summit as we continue to seek equity and reform of the criminal justice system. In addition to his national notoriety in the Arbery case, his remarks will help people understand the great impact that district attorneys and prosecutors have as well as the impact of race in criminal prosecutions.” said Betty C. Andrews, President of the Iowa-Nebraska NAACP and founder of the Summit.

Known as Iowa’s groundbreaking criminal justice reform event, the Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities was founded in 2013 to address Iowa’s deplorable distinction of ranking #1 in the Nation for disproportionately incarcerating African Americans and other minorities. Over the years, through the work of dedicated advocates, engaged officials, and keen practitioners there has been slight improvement and Iowa now ranks #6 in the nation for racial disproportionality. “We are far from done. Iowa’s disproportionality is still double that of the national average, and while our numbers have improved in the adult system, in the juvenile system disproportionality remains abysmal.” Andrews lamented.

In addition to drawing attention to the power of prosecutors in the justice system, Summit attendees will hear more about the challenges in Iowa’s juvenile justice system and gain a national perspective from Daphne Robinson, former prosecutor, and author of *Delinquent*. There will also be an update on the NAACP’s call for an audit of the Iowa Juvenile Justice System racial inequities. The Sentencing Project reports Iowa as the worst state in the Nation for detaining Black youth at a rate of 721 per 100,000 compared to 83 for white youth. A juvenile justice panel will include a briefing on the Iowa Department of Human Rights Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division Report that identified areas of racial and ethnic disparities in Iowa’s juvenile justice system and made recommendations to eliminate these disparities. Event exhibits will support these themes as well.

The Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities brings together citizens, state and local decision-makers, national experts, politicians, judges, lawmakers, law enforcement, activists and advocates for a content-packed day that includes over 40 presenters, justice system updates, action-oriented keynotes, informative workshops, and power panels. The event which regularly draws over 300 participants was designed as a way to break down silos and allow for connections, conversations and strategies across several stakeholder groups in order to bring about effective change. Held virtually

last year due to the pandemic, the Summit returns as an in-person event with Covid precautions. [Click here for event Covid Protocols.](#)



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