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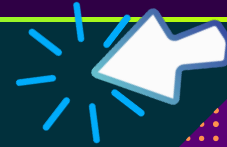
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States fight discrimination toward gay foster kids

BY KELLI KENNEDY

Updated 11:33 AM EDT, June 22, 2013

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"I'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY YOUTH IN THE SYSTEM WHO WILL NOT COME OUT BECAUSE THEY SAW HOW STAFF TREATED THEIR FRIENDS IN THE SYSTEM AFTER THEY CAME OUT," SAID KAMORA HERRINGTON, MENTORING PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF TRUE COLORS, AN ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS GAY FOSTER YOUTHS IN CONNECTICUT."



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Quincy Wright, right, is hugged by a friend during a breaking the silence gathering at True Colors in Hartford, Conn., Friday, April 19, 2013. True Colors, a non-profit organization working to help the needs of sexual and gender minority youth, has a mentoring program for more than 75 gay foster youth. Advocates in a handful of states including Florida, California, Connecticut and Massachusetts are starting a national dialogue to take steps to make sure gay foster youth are treated equally by foster parents, caseworkers and fellow foster kids. ▲ AP Photo/Jessica Hill

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"PEOPLE ARE DIFFERENT. SOME OF US LOOK DIFFERENT, SOME OF US SMELL DIFFERENT, SOME OF US ACT DIFFERENT. WE'RE ALL COOL, JUST DEAL," HERRINGTON SAID.

Connecticut Public Radio | By Martha Hollister
Published June 26, 2015 at 1:11 PM EDT



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Kamora Herrington is the mentoring program director at True Colors, a non-profit youth program for sexual minorities.



TERRELL HAD TOP SURGERY LAST JULY – A DOUBLE MASTECTOMY. OUT OF POCKET, IT COST OVER \$8,000.

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DOUBLE MASTECTOMY



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Parker Terrell is a transgender male from Naugatuck.

"CONNECTICUT'S LAW HAS REQUIRED AN INDIVIDUAL TO HAVE BOTTOM SURGERY BEFORE AMENDING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, A PROCEDURE THAT COULD HAVE COST HIM UP TO \$100,000. THE NEW BILL WILL AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES WITHOUT GENDER REASSIGNMENT SURGERY."

"ONCE IN EFFECT, TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS WILL HAVE TO GET NOTARIZED DOCUMENTATION STATING THAT THEY HAD CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE TREATMENT. THEY CAN THEN GO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REQUEST THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE CHANGE."

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Photo Courtesy of Two Planks Theater Company

"SUNDAY'S PANEL FEATURED **PEGGY RAJSKI**, THE OSCAR AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER BEHIND THE TREVOR PROJECT, THE LEADING NATIONAL ORGANIZATION PROVIDING CRISIS INTERVENTION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO LGBTQ YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 13-24; **KAMORA HERRINGTON**, THE MENTORING PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT TRUE COLORS IN HARTFORD; AND **DAVID HARTMAN**, AN OFFICER AND THE MEDIA LIAISON WITH NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO BROUGHT HIS OWN PERSPECTIVE AND EXPERIENCE AS A GAY MAN TO THE DISCUSSION."

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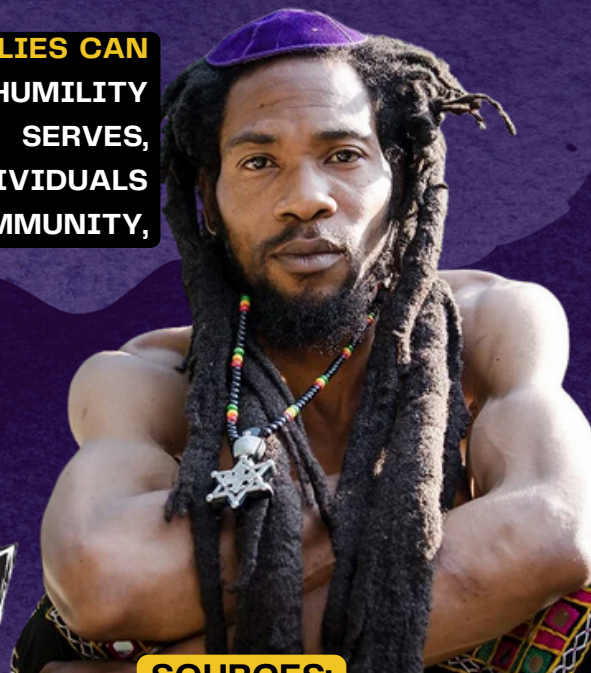
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Kamora's Cultural Corner bridges a divide between Black, queer and intercultural communities



THE THREE-STORY CENTER IS PAINTED WITH AFRICAN AND JEWISH SYMBOLS IN VIBRANT HUES. KABBALAH ARTS & CULTURE STILL SPANS THE FRONT, ALONG WITH THE PHRASE "TIKKUN OLAM," A JEWISH CONCEPT DEFINED BY ACTS OF KINDNESS TO REPAIR THE WORLD.

"MY PERSONAL MISSION IS TO CREATE SPACE SO THAT FAMILIES CAN LOVE THEIR CHILDREN," HERRINGTON SAYS. "CULTURAL HUMILITY DRIVES OUR WORK. ... KAMORA'S CULTURAL CORNER SERVES, CELEBRATES, AND UPLIFTS OUR DIVERSE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLACK AND QUEER, AS WELL AS THE LARGER COMMUNITY, USING CULTURALLY HUMBLE PRACTICES."



Vision

Kabbalah House Arts & Culture Café is a community cultural center with a global vision that promotes peace, social justice, and cultural understanding through the arts and education.

We are here in the spirit of Tikkun Olam, mending the world, through intercultural, intergeneration community building.



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"I'M FINDING THAT **TALKING ABOUT RACE IS HARD FOR WHITE FOLKS** -- GETTING QUEER WHITE FOLKS TO TALK ABOUT THE RACISM INSIDE THE QUEER COMMUNITY...[EVEN] GETTING QUEER PEOPLE OF COLOR WHO ARE NOT BLACK TO TALK ABOUT THE ANTI-BLACKNESS AND ANTI-BLACK RACISM WITHIN THE LARGER QUEER COMMUNITY CAN BE HARD," HERRINGTON ADMITS. "DOING IT THROUGH ZOOM SEEMS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE. THERE'S JUST ENOUGH DISTANCE FOR FOLKS TO BE ABLE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE. I FEEL REALLY GOOD ABOUT THAT."

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"ALL THAT WE HAVE IS HONESTLY ONLY BUT A BIT OF DUST OF THE DREAMS OF OUR ANCESTORS AND ONCE THESE SYSTEMS ARE DISMANTLED, WE GET TO LIVE MAYBE THREE GRAINS OF SAND OF THE DREAMS OF OUR ANCESTORS."

MOMENTS LIKE THE MAAFA IN HARTFORD ARE IMPORTANT, HERRINGTON SAID.

"IT CAN'T JUST BE A FIGHT. IF ALL WE ARE DOING IS FIGHTING AND YELLING, WHAT ARE WE DOING? PEOPLE ARE CONTINUING A FIGHT THEY WERE BORN INTO; A FIGHT FOR OUR HUMANITY AND LIBERATION. MAAFA REMINDS US THAT WE ARE ONLY HERE BECAUSE SOMEONE SURVIVED, AND WE HOLD A RESPONSIBILITY TO LIVE UP TO THEIR WILDEST DREAMS."



Kassi Jackson/The Hartford Courant





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Lucy Gellman | February 2nd, 2021

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"WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN GOING FORWARD," SHE SAID. "PEOPLE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE CHIPS NEED TO FALL. PEOPLE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHO TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS THAT OUR QUEER BABIES NEED TO BE CARED FOR IN THE MOMENT."

"The conversation that I want to step into is, if True Colors no longer exists, it's okay," she later added. "True Colors has touched everyone in here, Everyone here has taken those kernels and those nuggets, and we've all taken and are taking them out there."

TRUE COLORS, A HARTFORD-BASED ORGANIZATION ABRUPTLY ANNOUNCED ON SOCIAL MEDIA THAT IT WOULD BE PAUSING OPERATIONS AND LAYING OFF ALL PROGRAM STAFF UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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“THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE WHO IF THEY HAD NOT BEEN MENTORS IN THE TRUE COLOR PROGRAM, YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THEY LOVE WOULD NOT STILL BE WITH US TODAY AND THAT NEEDS TO BE HONORED,” HERRINGTON SAID. “... TRUE COLORS SHUT ITS DOORS WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING TO MAKE SURE OUR BABIES’ LIVES DIDN’T SUCK. WE’RE HERE TODAY TO PLAY CATCH UP.”

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True Colors Inc.
 4.4 ★★★★★ 8 Google reviews
 Youth organization in Hartford, Connecticut
 Permanently closed

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Hartford Courant
 By HARTFORD COURANT
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Deidre Montague

November 2, 2021



"CENTER THE BLACK PARENTS... WORK TO [GIVE PARENTS] THE TOOLS TO WORK THROUGH AND AROUND THIS. THEY ARE FIGURING OUT WHO THEY ARE BY COMPARING THEMSELVES TO OTHERS. HELP THEM TO SEE GIFTS OF DIFFERENCE; THEY ARE JUST DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS WITH DIFFERENT LIFE EXPERIENCES WHO NEED TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER," HERRINGTON SAID.

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This is the second article in a three-part installment focused on the struggles that many Black and Brown girls face, the local efforts being done to support them, and the ways that we, as a community, can better help and hold up our Black and Brown girls within the state of Connecticut.

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Be sure to check back on Better Manchester for the remainder of the **SERIES.**

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Racial slur at teen sheds light on racism in mostly white CT town

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CT INSIDER

By **Emily DiSalvo**, Reporter
Updated Aug 24, 2022 12:02 p.m.

The incident has renewed a debate over race in town, and on Tuesday, about 100 people gathered at Enfield High School to bring their thoughts, ideas and concerns to a meeting dubbed a "Community Conversation on Race, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion."

ENFIELD — A BLACK MEMBER OF THE ENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM APPROACHED A LOCAL HOME ON AUG. 13 HOPING TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON.

HE MADE MANY STOPS ALONG THE WAY, BUT HIS ENCOUNTER AT THIS HOUSE WAS MUCH DIFFERENT WITH A RESIDENT CALLING THE 14-YEAR-OLD STUDENT A RACIAL SLUR, ENFIELD POLICE SAID.

IN A TOWN OF MORE THAN 42,000 PEOPLE, COMPRISED OF NEARLY 80 PERCENT WHITE PEOPLE AND 7 PERCENT BLACK RESIDENTS, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENSUS, THE RACIAL DISPARITY WAS EVIDENT AT THE MEETING.

Emily DiSalvo / Hearst Connecticut Media

"WHEN I SAID WE ARE GOING TO RESPECT FOLKS, LET'S LOOK AT THAT PIECE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT," HERRINGTON SAID.

"I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT WHAT COMMUNITY IS. ONE THING PEOPLE GET WRONG IS WE THINK COMMUNITY IS A PLACE WHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE US AND SMELL LIKE US AND SHARE VALUES AND SHARE BELIEFS. IN 2022, THAT AIN'T GOING TO HAPPEN."



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"WE DO CONSULTATIONS; WE DO TRAINING, WE DO COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS, WE SAY WE WALK LABYRINTHS, WE CROCHET, WE KNIT, WE CREATE PLACES THAT COME TOGETHER AND BE," EXPLAINED HERRINGTON.

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By **Joseph Tucci**, Staff writer
Updated July 28, 2023 4:50 p.m.

KAMORA'S CULTURAL CORNER FOUNDER **KAMORA HERRINGTON** SAID THE EVENT IS AN ACT OF "**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**" AND AIMS TO EDUCATE OTHERS ABOUT THE DIVERSITY THAT EXISTS WITHIN CONNECTICUT'S SMALL TOWNS AND CITIES AND WHY SOME MIGHT FIND ALDEAN'S SONG "IN A SMALL TOWN" UNCOMFORTABLE. THOSE AT THE EVENT ARE ENCOURAGED TO DON BALLGOWNS. THE ATTIRE WAS INSPIRED BY **DJ EPHRAIM ADAMZ'S** SONG "HOWDY TOWN WELCOME TOWN," WHICH PROMOTES INCLUSIVITY AND PARODIES **ALDEAN'S** SONG WITH THE LYRICS "TRY THAT IN A BALLGOWN."



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HARTFORD Rally planned for Jason Aldean's Hartford concert

by: Justin B. Jones
Posted: Jul 29, 2023 / 07:08 AM EDT
Updated: Jul 31, 2023 / 03:29 AM EDT



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THE SITE AT 75 STERLING STREET IN HARTFORD, OR WHAT KAMORA'S CULTURAL CORNER FOUNDER KAMORA HERRINGTON SIMPLY CALLS "THE LAND" WITH ITS LABYRINTH, HERITAGE GARDENS AND HEALING SPACE, HAS BEEN NAMED A BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE SITE. THE 1.7-ACRE SANCTUARY AND NATURE PRESERVE, JUST STEPS FROM SEVERAL PROMINENT BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES ON ALBANY AVENUE, AIMS TO BE AN OASIS OF CALM AMID THE BUSTLING STREETS OF THE CITY'S NORTH END. THE NEW TITLE WAS BESTOWED BY THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, A NONPROFIT CENTERED AROUND CREATING PARKS AND PRESERVING LAND TO ENSURE MORE HEALTHFUL AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES.

"IT IS HUMBLING AND BEAUTIFUL," HERRINGTON SAID. "IT'S A SACRED SPACE."



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By Rob Polansky and Dylan Fearon

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61 Savitt Way, Hartford CT

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"THERE'S THIS NATURAL DISCOURSE THAT SAYS SMALL-TOWN AMERICA SHOULD BE SCARED OF BIG-CITY AMERICA. BUT THESE FOLKS DON'T KNOW THAT WHEN WE HAVE TO VENTURE OUT INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES, WE ARE SCARED BECAUSE OF ALL THESE STEREOTYPES OUT THERE," SAID KAMORA HERRINGTON, ORGANIZER, HARTFORD.



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THE PRACTICE, KNOWN AS **"SURVIVAL SEX,"** INVOLVES TRADING SEXUAL ACTS FOR FOOD, SHELTER OR OTHER IMMEDIATE NEEDS. STUDIES HAVE ESTIMATED THAT **28% OF HOMELESS YOUTH** AND RUNAWAYS ENGAGE IN SURVIVAL SEX. OTHERS HAVE PUT THE NUMBER AS HIGH AS 50%, WITH **LGBTQ YOUTH SEVEN TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN HETEROSEXUAL PEERS TO EXCHANGE SEX FOR A PLACE TO STAY.**

"THE QUEER FOLKS ARE YOUR CANARIES IN THE COAL MINE IN THIS HOMELESSNESS ISSUE," RACIAL JUSTICE AND LGBTQ ACTIVIST KAMORA HERRINGTON SAID.

TOPICS COVERED IN ARTICLE:

- SURVIVAL SEX AND TRAFFICKING
- SHELTERS UNSAFE
- A LACK OF DATA
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By Kat Stafford • Published May 23, 2023 • Updated on May 23, 2023 at 3:24 pm



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CATHERINE MANSON SITS ON THE FRONT PORCH OF HER AUNT'S HOME AS HER CHILDREN, CAYDENCE MANSON, CENTER, AND CARTER MANSON, PLAY CLOSE BY IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, MAY 25, 2022. ABOUT 4 MILLION CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING CAYDENCE AND CARTER, CURRENTLY HAVE ASTHMA. BUT STARK DISPARITIES EXIST: **MORE THAN 12% OF BLACK CHILDREN NATIONWIDE SUFFER FROM THE DISEASE, COMPARED WITH 5% OF WHITE CHILDREN.**

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Asthma in Black children linked to racist housing laws

"BLACK CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO LIVE NEAR POLLUTING PLANTS, AND IN RENTAL HOUSING WITH MOLD AND OTHER TRIGGERS, BECAUSE OF RACIST HOUSING LAWS IN THE NATION'S PAST"

AMERICAN CHILDREN LIVING IN AREAS WITH POOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH CONDITIONS



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By [Bryant Reed](#)

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"WE NEED TO LOOK AT INTENT AND IMPACT AND REALLY LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE SAYING WHEN WE'RE SAYING THIS IS WHITE SANTA, THIS IS BLACK SANTA, AND THESE ARE THE DAYS THEY'RE COMING. WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO THE IDEA OF EQUITY AND SAY SANTA IS COMING. AND IF I WANT TO SHOW UP WHEN BLACK SANTA IS COMING, THEN IT'S ON ME AND I CAN GO CHECK THE SCHEDULES TO SEE," HERRINGTON SAID.

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