

## THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION OF OUR CHILDREN

### EVERY DAY IN AMERICA . . .

- 3 Children die from abuse or neglect
  - 6 Children commit suicide
  - 13 Children are homicide victims
  - 15 Children are killed by firearms
  - 95 Babies die
  - 518 Babies are born to mothers with late/no prenatal care
  - 790 Babies are born at low birthweight
  - 1,407 Babies are born to teen mothers
  - 2,660 Babies are born to poverty
  - 2,833 Children drop out of school
  - 3,398 Babies are born to unmarried mothers
  - 6,042 Children are arrested
  - 8,493 Children are reported abused or neglected.
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### AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Every 4 hours a Black child is killed by a gun
- Every 43 minutes a Black baby dies
- Every 6 hours a Black child dies from a gunshot wound.
- Every 46 seconds of the school day, a Black child drops out of school
- Every 11 minutes a Black child is arrested for a violent crime
- Every 18 minutes a Black child is arrested for a drug offense.
- Every 76 minutes a Black child is arrested for an alcohol-related crime.
- In 1984 a Black child died from gunfire every 12 hours and 21 minutes,
- In 1993 a Black child died from gunfire every 3 hours and 19 minutes.
- Firearm homicide is the leading cause of death among Af/Am males 10-34 years old. Af/Am males ages 15 to 19 suffered the greatest toll -- they were five times as likely as White males to be gun victims.
- \* • More Af/Am young men and boys are murdered each year than the total number of recorded lynchings of Black people throughout American history.
- Gun violence is not a problem limited to one race or class, however. More than half of the children and youths killed by guns in 1993 were white.
- While Af/Am males make up 12% of the population, they make up 50% of the prison population, committed 53.9% of all murders in '90 and 63.9% of all robberies in '89.
- If current pattern continues, by the year 2010, 75% of all Af/Am youths will be in jail/prison.
- Af/Am males in America are incarcerated at a rate five times of that in South Africa.