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Presents...



Traumatic Realities American
Society Hides
(TRASH)

RESTOREHER-WHO ARE WE?

RestoreHER US America Inc (RestoreHER) is a **policy advocacy reentry organization** led by and for justice-involved women of color based in Georgia. RestoreHER addresses the social determinants of criminalization and the intersectionality of social inequities through education, leadership, and policy change to protect the dignity, reproductive justice, and restore the rights of all women directly impacted by the criminal "justice" system.



RESTOREHER-MISSION

Our mission is to enhance the lives of directly impacted women and work in partnership with those women to end the vicious cycle that leads to mass incarceration and prison birth for women of color and pregnant women in the south.



RestoreHER has a **vision** of a world where women of color impacted by mass criminalization and incarceration receive gender-based education, healthcare, rehabilitation, alternative sentencing, and full restoration of their rights, so that they can move forward with hope, dignity, and opportunities to make important contributions in their communities.



attn: They Threw Her Baby in the Trash

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WHY TRASH

TRASH brings attention to the dehumanizing, recurring trauma, lack of treatment, and rapid increase of incarceration of women. More than 80% of incarcerated women are primary caregivers. They have kids under the age of eighteen and they are disproportionate of color, low income, live with mental illness, and suffer the trauma of surviving some type of abuse.

WHY TRASH CONT.

The criminal justice, prison, and reform systems have not traditionally considered the needs of incarcerated women. This oversight has caused incarcerated women to become marginalized, "invisible" hidden figures left out of the conversation; resulting in women returning to their communities in worse condition than they entered the system.

INCARCERATED WOMEN ARE T.R.A.S.H.
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They locked us down on the second floor of the hospital and I only got to see her for 8 hours total in four different visits. I was not even allowed to take a shower while I was there after just delivering a baby. Crazy right. It was so miserable honestly, and one of the hardest things I ever had to do too. Then we came back to Alto and was held in medical for three days. On top of everything we went through at the hospital, we get here and my bunkie has staph in medical and I was worried about catching it with stitches, sharing a toilet with no [access to] bleach.

Shavonnah Rucker

WHY TRASH CONT.

TRASH shines light on the significant role that women are playing in mass incarceration through sharing “lived experiences” of directly impacted women. In doing so exposing how America dehumanizes, traumatizes, and marginalizes its women during incarceration, **“The price paid highly exceeds the crime and far exceeds the sentence”**

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I was then transported to the county jail and shortly after to the nearest hospital, in which they performed a cavity search in front of male officers. I can remember asking if they were even allowed to be in the room watching me. I was strapped down on a gurney, shackled, and a nurse searched the inside of me while the male officers watched and laughed.

Brianna Mills

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF TRASH?

It is the goal of TRASH to spark controversial conversations forcing American society to examine themselves, criminal legal system, and how it effects, children, the destruction of families, and incarcerated women.

TRASH will incite a demand for dignity, rehabilitative programs, and ideas for alternate means of incarceration for women.

Gendered Inequalities of Incarcerated women and femmes

- *no mental health counseling
 - * shackling
 - * solitary confinement
- * no gender specific programming
 - * limited visitation
 - * loss of parental rights
- * detained 500+ miles from home (no visitation)
- *no family planning (birth control meds or counseling)
- * no nutritional meals based on gender-specific needs or for pregnant women

- * limited feminine hygiene products for menstrual cycles many penal institutions have no tampons
 - * used/recycled panties and men's clothes
- * stripped search by male officers and watched in showers by male guards
 - squat & cough of pregnant women
 - * sexual abuse of women by staff
 - * induced pregnancies
- * max 2 hours with newborns-24 hours to make decision about newborn custodians
 - * no prenatal care
 - * no obstetricians (no adequate healthcare)



WHO DOES THIS DIRECTLY AFFECT?

Intersectionality has been the basis of disproportionality for women of color which has created a deficit of their socioeconomic needs met. In addition, the criminalization of activities deployed by women of color for survival to meet their socioeconomic needs has deemed them as "high-risk" and the ideology for mass incarceration.

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN?

"ABOLITION"

To achieve this, we need to shift the weight from criminal justice system driven by perpetual punishment and dehumanization to one rooted in healing, accountability, transformation, and the recognition of each woman's inherent dignity and right to reach their full potential.

The Women's CARE Act (Childcare Alternatives, Resources, & Education)

For the Women:

Women will be allowed to bond out in 72 hours with a positive pregnancy test upon detention. and their sentence deferred 6-12 weeks postpartum If convicted to serve time allowing them dignity and autonomy of their pregnancy.

For the Babies:

Newborn babies will get to opportunities for adequate prenatal care, proper nutrition, a safe delivery, breastfeeding, and bonding with their mothers..

For the state:

Millions of tax payer's dollars would be available to serve the community in more meaningful ways..

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