

## REPS. DAVIS, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON & BASS HOST CHILD WELFARE SUMMIT

WASHINGTON, DC (October 10, 2011) - REP. DANNY K. DAVIS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND EXPERTS ON CHILD WELFARE, WILL CONVENE SUMMIT IN DC FOR SOLUTIONS WITH ADOPTING CHILDREN OF COLOR; TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2011 - 1:00 TO 5:00 pm in the CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER, CONGRESSIONAL MEETING ROOM - NORTH

Children of color are disproportionately represented in our nation's child welfare system, with African American children in particular being over-represented compared to their representation in the general child population. Further, research shows that children and families of color experience disparities in access to support services and in outcomes at various stages of involvement within the child welfare system. For example, although the situation may vary significantly across states and local jurisdictions, African American children served by child protective services and child welfare agencies generally enter care more often, stay longer in care, are reunified with their families less frequently, and move into adoption only after longer periods of time than do white children.

The goals of this summit are to recognize successful efforts at increasing permanency and to promote discussion among key stakeholders within the African American community, child welfare system, and federal government to strengthen existing and establish new partnerships to address racial disproportionality and disparities.

Noted Confirmed speakers are Congressman Danny K. Davis, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Congresswoman Karen Bass, Bryan Samuels - Commissioner of the Administration on Children and Families, Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr. - Senior Bishop of the C.M.E. Church, Patricia M. Martin - Presiding Judge of the Child Protection Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, IL, and President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Debra Porchia-Usher - Interim Director of the Child and Family Services Agency for DC, Marvin Dickerson - National Executive Committee of 100 Black Men of America.

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