

Infinite Mindz Media



**Empowering families digitally
one story at a time.**



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Infinite Mindz Media is a two-year pilot non-profit training, project development, and research organization dedicated to empowering individuals in using digital media and technology to express their stories by using digital storytelling.

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Nicholle La Vann is an award winning filmmaker with a Masters of Fine Arts from The City University of New York, where she completed her last documentary "110 Morningside" featuring Abiodun Oyewole from the legendary "Last Poets."

As an artist of visual culture, Nicholle is interested in the intersection between the digital environment and media social issues. Visual expression is a potent site where negative stereotypes can be subverted seductively. As an activist she is concerned that the voice of under represented people can be heard and seen beyond narrow representations in today's popular culture. As a video artist, she focuses on the impact of injustice and youth development while integrating related factors, such as poverty often symptomatic of the inequities found in education.

Nicholle's interest continues to be in the area of facilitating dialogues between people. From those dialogues may come new ways of "examining the premise of the premise." Which means challenging existing assumptions as well as searching for new ways of addressing current issues.

Nicholle, along with the members of the board and volunteers at Infinite Mindz believe that, by coming together, they can make a difference in the lives of victims, and help heal a broken community.

Infinite Mindz Media is a non-profit organization striving to decrease the potential for violence in our communities, by promoting meaningful media outlets and counselling services for children and families.

Who Is Affected?

By Violence:

The effect of violence is prevalent through out our country. It is crucial that we start reviewing the issue of violent crime to encourage public discussion.

While we have seen the violent crime rate steadily decline nationally since the mid-1990s. Of the four violent crime categories, notable surges of homicides and robberies were observed.

By Incarceration:

It is estimated that nationally, 1.7 million children have a parent incarcerated in a state or federal facility, and 8.3 million children have a parent who is under some form of correctional supervision which includes local, state and federal facilities, in addition to probation and parole.

In 2008, New York State housed 57,760 male and 2,587 female sentenced inmates who are parents to approximately 80,000 children, and another 10,000 children who have parents in a local jail facility.

The incarceration of a primary caretaker is traumatic and painful for children. Permanently severing the parent-child relationship can add to the trauma children experience. Some children would rather reunify with the mother they know and love when she is released, even if that means remaining in foster care for a longer time.

Why Are We Needed?

The incarceration of a primary caretaker is traumatic and painful for children. Permanently severing the parent-child relationship can add to the trauma children experience. By providing a media platform that will inspire these individuals to digitally tell their story using new technology and media to heal the issues we face in today's society. Blogging, podcasting and streaming videos will touch audiences in an up close personal way.



What Will We Do?

Guiding individuals and key grassroots organizations through a process of digital storytelling. Developing a website and web-show that will be documented by featuring a story each and every month and having each individual participate on a monthly show on BlogTalk Radio. While former victims of violence are involved by in writing, speaking and research there are few involved in developing organizing strategies to develop policy reforms.

By keeping video diaries online this will assist others in the community to participate and use this as a method to deal with anxiety or separation issues with a loved one. Yet, change is possible.

Organizing campaigns that effect the permanency outcome for the children whose lives have been effected by incarceration or violence is one of our goals. Document barriers to the children of murdered victims or children of incarcerated parents. Identify discriminatory policies and procedures that involve the children of incarcerated parents Interview children of murdered victims; children of incarcerated parents, former prisoners.

By providing this and other services, Infinite Mindz Media will work to positively impact the children and the community at large.

“It is clear that the way to heal society of its violence. . . and lack of love is to replace the pyramid of domination with the circle of equality and respect.”

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Joan Patterson, Mother of Shamar Patterson whose son, a bright, promising young man, was senselessly shot in the head for a gang initiation. His vital organs were donated.

“I feel like Shamar still lives on.”