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She Matters: A Regional Call to Action for Supporting Black Girls

Next webinar examines Black girls' experiences with bullying and sexual harassment in schools

WHAT: New She Matters webinar: Black Girls' Experiences with Bullying and Sexual Harassment

Southwest PA Says No More is proud to be a partner of Gwen's Girls, Inc. and the Black Girls Equity Alliance in sponsoring She Matters, a new webinar series focused on protecting and uplifting Black girls. The next session, Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, will examine the difficulties Black girls face in schools with disproportionate rates of bullying and sexual harassment. Local researchers and advocates will discuss how to transform these negative experiences and prepare schools to better support Black girls during the upcoming academic year.

"We believe that when Black youth are safe, supported and nurtured, we will have created a community where everyone can thrive," says Kristy Trautmann, FISA Foundation.

Learn more about the She Matters webinar series at:
<http://www.gwensgirls.org/events/>

Questions? Contact Kathi R. Elliott, DNP, MSW, CRNP, Chief Executive Officer, Gwen's Girls, Inc. kelliott@gwensgirls.org

WHEN: Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. via [Zoom](#)

PANELISTS:

- *Student:* Emmanazia, Black Girls Advocacy and Leadership Alliance
- *Student:* Nia, Black Girls Advocacy and Leadership Alliance
- D'Aujunae Diggs, youth advocate, Black Girls Advocacy and Leadership Alliance

- Britney Brinkman, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Point Park University, Author of Detection and Prevention of Identity-Based Bullying: Social Justice Perspectives
- Julie C. Evans, MSW, founder, Silver Moon Strategies
- Shiwali Patel, Director of Justice for Student Survivors & Senior Counsel, National Women's Law Center
- Sue Frietsche, Senior Staff Attorney, founder and director of the Western Pennsylvania Office of the Women's Law Project

WHERE: Register for the free webinar on Aug. 13:

https://gwensgirls-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5aF2hnAOQtOfO7_i5kTwWg

<https://bit.ly/3hTPNT6>

Save the date:

[She Matters: Black Girls and Gender-Based Violence](#)

Thursday, September 10, 2020, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Rebroadcasts:

She Matters: Mental Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health Inequities Facing Black Girls

July 16, 2020: <https://www.pscp.tv/w/1OdJrWbgAqkxX>

She Matters: What does Black Lives Matter Mean in Schools

June 18, 2020: <https://youtu.be/Dtez3mDdpws>

About Southwest PA Says No More

Southwest PA Says No More is a growing community of organizations and individuals who are working to end domestic and sexual violence. FISA Foundation, in partnership with The Heinz Endowments and United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, developed Southwest PA Says No More to showcase the important prevention-focused work happening in this region and make it easier for individuals and organizations to take action to stop gender-based violence. More than 25 organizations across the region have partnered with Southwest PA Says No More, including the Women's Center & Shelter, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA, Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

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