



## Talking to Our Children About Navigating Police Encounters

-David Miller, M.Ed.

“And the police are simply the hired enemies of this population. They are present to keep the Negro in his place and to protect white business interests, and they have no other function.”

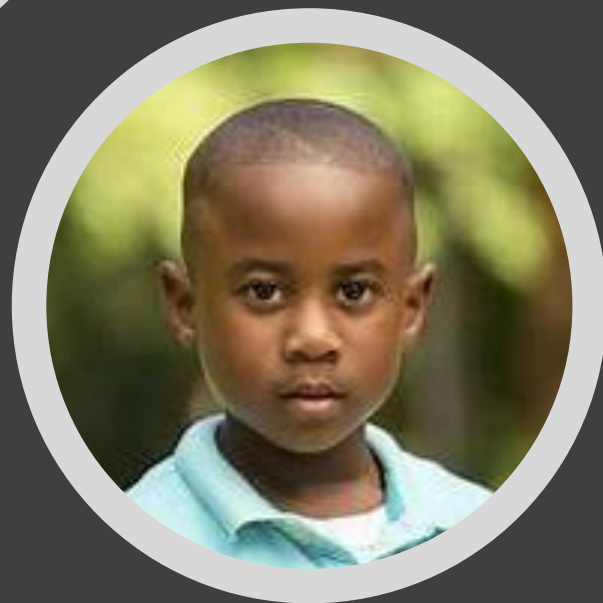
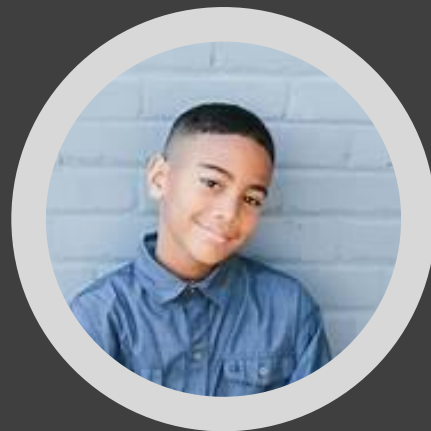
-James Baldwin



# Check in

- What is your earliest negative encounter with the police?
- What were your thoughts, feelings, and reactions to the murders of Eric Gardner, Freddie Gray, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, and a host of other Black men?
- What has been your experience when you talk to Black men and boys about navigating encounters with the police?
- What are you saying to your children?
- What talking points are you giving parents?





# Starting the Conversation

- Do not avoid talking about what's happening
- Ask children/youth about what they know about police brutality, police stops and racism
- Encourage children/youth to ask questions
- Make sure the conversations are ongoing



THE CHILD WHO IS NOT  
EMBRACED BY THE VILLAGE  
WILL BURN IT DOWN TO  
FEEL ITS' WARMTH.

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“In this moment of uncertainty, conversations with young Black males about navigating encounters with the police is one of the most urgent topics of the day. Sharing with our sons that we “got” their backs and that we will do everything in our power to protect them has to be shared. Tell our sons that we love them, and preparing to navigate in a toxic society is our charge!”

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