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BINGHAMTON WORKSHOP ON SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

The Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC) is meeting with people and groups in the Binghamton area:

- to educate the community about solitary confinement in NYS prisons/jails,
- to learn more about the work of people in this region,
- to build a collaborative network that will support new legislation that will change the use of isolated confinement in NYS.

Saturday, February 1, 2014, 11 AM-1:30 PM
Southern Tier Independence Center
135 East Frederick St., Binghamton, NY

CAIC Panel Participants:

- **Bomani Shakur (Keith LaMar):** One of the Lucasville Five, sentenced to death on snitch testimony after the 1993 Lucasville uprising; has been in solitary isolation at Ohio State Penitentiary (OSP) since 1998. He recounts his experiences in that time in his recently completed book, Condemned. (Phone participant).
- **Five Mualimmak:** Released/exonerated in 2012, works with Incarcerated Nation Campaign, Campaign to End the New Jim Crow, Jails Action Coalition, Jim Crow Network Speaker's Bureau.
- **Marlies Talay:** Works for Crown Heights Mediation Center, CAIC, previously City Year New York (NYC Public Education System), alumna of Cora Fellow Program of Public Affairs.
- **Robin Jacob-Goods:** Mother of a man imprisoned in Corcoran, California, in Solitary Housing Unit for the last ten years; active advocate and currently, elementary school teacher.
- **Suzanne Koneschusky:** Graduate student, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College; social justice advocate and community organizer.
- **Scott Paltrowitz:** Associate Director, Prison Visiting Project, Correctional Association of NY, with focus on prisoner conditions; member, National Lawyers Guild Mass Incarceration Committee.

Solitary Confinement in NY: People in isolated confinement are held in a small cell 22-24 hours a day without meaningful human contact, programming, or therapy. NY prisons and jails currently subject far too many people (thousands on any given day), including particularly vulnerable groups (youth, people with mental health needs), to isolated confinement for far too long (months, years, decades) under conditions that can cause deep and permanent psychological damage.

Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement: CAIC brings together advocates, formerly incarcerated persons, family members, concerned community members, and organizations interested in challenging the use of isolated confinement in NY prisons and jails. The Campaign believes we need sweeping legislative reform aimed at fundamentally transforming the way our institutions respond to peoples' needs and problematic behaviors. More information can be found at www.nycaic.org

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