



# HOME GROWN STL SUMMIT AGENDA

- 8:00 AM** Registration and networking breakfast Clark-Fox Forum
- 8:30** Welcome and opening – **Sean Joe**, PhD, Associate Dean of Faculty and Research, Benjamin E. Youngdahl Professor of Social Development, Director of HomeGrown STL, Faculty Director of Youth Development at the Center for Social Development, Brown School
- 8:35** Opening devotion – **Rebecca Bennett**, Founder and Principal of Emerging Wisdom LLC
- 8:40** Overview of summit purpose and outcome – **Sean Joe**
- 8:45** Framing the day: An agenda review – **Rebecca Bennett**
- 8:50** Introduction to HomeGrown STL: Regional and National Opportunity for Social Transformation  
**Sean Joe**
- 9:00** Leaders for Progress  
**Ethel Byndom**, Director, St. Louis County Office of Community Empowerment  
**Cristina Garmendia**, Project Manager, City of St. Louis Equity Indicators Project
- 9:15** A Big Movement: My Brothers’ Keeper (MBK)  
**Niiobli Armah IV**, Bloomberg Associates, National MBK Alliance  
**Rev. Dr. Bryant Marks Sr.**, Executive Director, Morehouse Male Initiative
- 9:45** The First Step: A Pilot to Improve the Lives of 8,000 Black Boys & Young Men – **Sean Joe**
- 10:15** Partners for Impact: A Panel of Pilot Service Providers  
**James Clark**, Vice President of Community Outreach, Better Family Life  
**Dr. Vernice Hicks-Prophet**, PhD, Focus School Supervisor/Improvement Specialist, Jennings School District  
**Ryonnel Jackson**, Area Director, Mentor St. Louis, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis  
**Halbert Sullivan**, CEO, Fathers’ Support Center St. Louis
- 11:00** Morning break
- 11:10** Champions for Change Panel – Young men affiliated with HGSTL partners  
Moderator: **Rebecca Bennett**  
Panelists: **Keshawn Anderson**, Teens of Tomorrow; **Tony Gunn Jr.**, STL Youth Jobs;  
**Juan Harris**, Father’s Support Center; **Artis Jones IV**, St. Louis College of Health Careers;  
**Cornell McKay**, Better Family Life
- 11:50** Washington University’s Commitment  
**Mary McKay**, Neidorff Family and Centene Corporation Dean of the Brown School
- 12:00 PM** Think Tank instructions
- 12:10** Lunch
- 12:40** Facilitated Think Tank discussions – **Summit attendees**
- 2:10** Ahas! Think Tank insights and recommended actions – **Facilitators**
- 3:00** Going forward – **Summit attendees**
- 3:15** Closing rally and wrap-up – **Sean Joe**
- 3:30** Networking reception – **All**