

# Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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### Newsletters

We just published our Summer 2016 newsletter! Read it to learn more about solitary confinement and an upcoming IJPC initiative related to it, the voter purge in Ohio, our vigil in response to the June SCOTUS vote and the return of our dialogue program with a very special dialogue on human trafficking!

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# Issues

A Newsletter of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

### Tied SCOTUS Vote — A Community Responds

In November 2014, President Obama announced an executive order that created Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA), and expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This new program would have allowed more people to qualify for DACA and gave a 3 year work permit to undocumented parents of US born citizens. Following the executive order the state of Texas and 26 other states, including Ohio, filed a lawsuit against the Obama administration in opposition to the order.

The lawsuit escalated to the Supreme Court and on June 23, 2016 the decision was a 4-4 tie, leaving the lower court's ruling to stand and blocking extended DACA and DAPA. This [program would have affected](#) 5 million undocumented people; 3.6 million would have been eligible for DAPA and 275,000 eligible for expanded DACA.

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Families gathered at St. Carlos Borromeo on June 23—the day of the Supreme Court ruling on DAPA/DACA+.

### Something to Talk About

IJPC recently held a dialogue on a sensitive topic: sex trafficking. Unlike traditional dialogue structures that bring to light two differing viewpoints, the focus was on allowing a panel to provide information for the audience to better answer the question, "What can I do to help?" It is important that people who are trying to provide direct services to those who have been trafficked, either as volunteers or service agency employees, know what is truly helpful and effective and what is not. The trauma of being exploited and intimidated means many are extremely distrustful and emotionally fragile. The last thing survivors need is a well-meaning but uninformed person causing them more harm.

The panel included professionals and associates from [End Slavery Cincinnati](#), [Off The Streets](#), and [Tamar's Place](#), as well as some courageous women sharing their personal stories. After their presentation, the attendees broke into small groups and participated in a facilitated discussion, furthering the deep conversations.

IJPC is grateful for the volunteer facilitators and panelists, and hopes to do additional dialogues on the topic of human trafficking. Takeaways included:

- Set aside personal agendas or that victims need "rescuing" — simply be a loving, concerned, non-judgmental presence in your interactions.
- Be honest and follow through on promises or commitments made.

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Staff, interns, facilitators, and panelists made this a successful dialogue experience.

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