



# **Understanding Juvenile Incarceration and Seeking Alternatives** **with Dr. Victoria Width, author of "House it Up"**

While we are home to 5% of the world's population, we have built 25% of the world's prisons; 46% of federal prisoners are drug offenders and more than a third of them had no or minimal criminal history. One out of three black male babies born in this century can expect to be incarcerated during his lifetime, with 92.5% of incarcerated juveniles having been the victim prior to incarceration. How did we get here? Can we spend the \$50-100k per year it costs to incarcerate one juvenile in a more effective, humane manner? Join Dr. Victoria Width as she discusses the child/adolescent development and those factors that put an adolescent at risk for incarceration, as well as alternative interventions. A licensed psychologist for twenty years, Dr. Width talks and writes of her experiences of working with young men who struggle to understand their life and turn their lives around.

**Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 pm**  
**at the North County Branch Library**

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