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## Our Children are Killing Each Other Across the Country

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## Obama Can't Fix This—We Must

A Solution in New York...

**HARNESSING THE POWER WITHIN:** Author/motivator Kevin Powell and Black and Male in America have announced a monthly series of Black Male Empowerment Workshops (all ages welcome) in celebration of 2009: The Year of the Black Male. Says Powell: "Each month there will

be a workshop dealing with some aspect of self-help, development, and empowerment for Black males, be it employment and small business options and opportunities, financial literacy and responsibility, taking care of our physical, mental, and spiritual health, stopping the violence in our communities, how to become a mentor to Black boys and young Black men, understanding the history and state of Hip Hop, nurturing fatherhood skills, the role of sports in Black male lives, and much more." The first in the Black Male Empowerment Workshop series starts

Monday, January 12 (7:00pm-10:00pm) at M.S. 113 Ronald Edmonds School, 300 Adelphi St. (bet. DeKalb/Lafayette. Admission is FREE! Travel: Take "G" train to the Clinton/Washington stop OR "C" train to Lafayette stop. For more information, please contact BAMIA at bamia.bk@gmail.com. NO RSVP needed and seating will be on a first-come basis. PLEASE BRING PENS AND NOTEBOOKS OR LAPTOP COMPUTERS. BE PREPARED TO TALK, LISTEN, LEARN, AND TAKE NOTES.

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## Senator Montgomery to Chair Senate Committee on Children and Families

Albany, NY (January 7, 2009): As the reigns of leadership passed to New York's 32-member Senate Democratic Conference during the official start of the 2009 Legislative Session, State Senator Velmanette Montgomery (D-Brooklyn) proudly accepted her assignment as Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Children and Families.

Senator Malcolm A. Smith (D-Queens), who secured a Democratic Majority for the first time in 43 years, will serve as the Senate's Majority Leader.

"I am honored and enthusiastic to be chosen to oversee legislative issues and policy decisions affecting New York's children and

families," said Senator Montgomery about her new role as Committee Chair.

"In the face of a \$15 billion 2009-10 State Budget deficit, I am dedicated to doing whatever it takes to help preserve programs and services that will help secure a brighter and prosperous future for New York's children and their families.

The Senator has pledged to create a pipeline that will achieve positive outcomes for youth through reform of the State's juvenile justice and foster care systems. "To this end, she said, "I look forward to working with state agencies, advocates for children and families," Montgomery said.

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