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Policy for the People

Justice Matters, a leading racial justice policy organization, will be bringing together community voice, art and new technology to produce a more relevant and accessible form of education policy and research supported by a \$400,000 grant from The Kellogg Foundation to be launched in Summer 2009.

“We are living in a new digital reality. Policy production needs to change to reflect that pace, and communities of color living in poverty must have a voice in shaping that change,” said Olivia Araiza, Executive Director of Justice Matters.

Through a combination of art, multi-media and e-based policy tools such as “*policy for the people*” (an online interactive community policy hub), you-tube broadcasts, research blogs, parent and student community art projects, and racial justice quarterly reports, Justice Matters is prepared to respond and produce relevant, timely and accessible racial justice policy ideas rooted in community voice.

“We don’t have the luxury of time to rely solely on static research and policy tools if we are going to stay relevant to our communities’ problems and the pace of the digital age”, said Lisa Gray-Garcia, Communications Director at Justice Matters.

In the Summer of 2009, with the support of the Kellogg Foundation, Justice Matters will realize a new vision of research analysis and policy creation that has the potential to effectively impact racial injustice and educational inequity for communities of color in poverty both locally and nationally.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930. The Organization supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.