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## **“The Urgency of Now” is about stopping the violence and helping young black males**

**Feb. 10, 2016** - Hampton officials are putting the finishing touches on plans for a regional symposium Thursday that will feature opening comments in the morning from Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe and focus much-needed attention on youth violence and the plight of young black males.

The symposium is entitled “The Urgency of Now: Changing the Narrative for Black Males from Failure to Hope.” During the day, an invitation-only session will provide technical assistance and consider strategies for planning, implementing and evaluating ways to help black males and reduce or prevent the violence plaguing the region.

The symposium concludes with a public session from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. designed to raise awareness about resources available for youth and young adults in the community, to recruit volunteers, and to allow concerned citizens to directly connect with supporting organizations.

Please find attached links to:

The “Urgency of Now” [web page](http://www.hampton.gov/ruon) at <http://www.hampton.gov/ruon>

Daytime [schedule](http://hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9690) at <http://hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9690>, including times for governor’s comments and mayor’s roundtable

Evening [schedule](http://www.hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9692) at <http://www.hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9692>

The “Urgency of Now” on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Urgency-of-Now-Symposium-666164153526320/) at <https://www.facebook.com/Urgency-of-Now-Symposium-666164153526320/>

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