



DISCUSSION TO FOCUS ON RAISING HEALTHY CHILDREN IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (June 28, 2022) – The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M University announced today it will host “Beyond Rage: Raising Healthy Kids in Hostile Climates,” a virtual discussion featuring sociologist Janice Johnson Dias.

“Children’s lives have been impacted in a number of ways over the past few years due to the effect of COVID-19 on their school, family and social lives,” said Dr. Johnson Dias. “I hope to share my knowledge to empower caregivers to help the children.”

Johnson Dias, bestselling author of “Parent Like it Matters: How to Raise Joyful, Change-Making Girls,” is a renowned sociologist who has devoted her life to inspiring girls to become changemakers. Whether from personal experiences investing in her daughter Marley Dias’ humanitarian projects or through her own work with the GrassROOTS Community Foundation’s “SuperCamp,” which she co-founded ten years ago, Johnson Dias has trained hundreds of children throughout the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to have Dr. Johnson Dias lead such an important discussion with parents, caregivers, educators and members of the larger community,” said Camille Gibson, interim dean of PVAMU’s College of Juvenile Justice and executive director of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center.

In addition to her work with children and leveraging her academic research on organizations and organizational culture, Johnson Dias has consulted with Fortune 500 companies, municipalities, health institutions and non-profit organizations to build healthy and productive spaces to raise healthy children.

“Given her experience with so many children and diverse organizations, we look forward to Dr. Johnson Dias providing helpful insights and recommendations for raising healthy children during these challenging times,” said Susan Frazier-Kouassi, director of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center.

Additional information and registration for the event can be found [here](#).

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About the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center: The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center is committed to the reduction of juvenile delinquency and crime in the State of Texas. Through the creation of the Center and the College, Prairie View A&M University supports this mission as it strives to attain national recognition in the areas of education, research, and service.

About Prairie View A&M University: Designated an institution of “the first class” in the Texas Constitution, Prairie View A&M University is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state. With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses, and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees, master’s degrees, and doctoral degree programs through eight colleges and schools. A member of The Texas A&M University System, the university is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit www.pvamu.edu.