

CARE FIRST SOUTH PASADENA



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Care First South Pasadena to Explore Role & Impact of Police in Schools in Free, Virtual Seminar Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Care First South Pasadena has invited experts in the fields of juvenile justice and adolescent mental health to explore the implications of police in schools at a time when students across the region and the nation are under more stress than ever. The economic and mental health effects of the pandemic will persist long after students return to campus. Meanwhile, calls for true racial justice are welling up, often in the face of open hostility.

Care First South Pasadena's free Zoom seminar for the community at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, will feature two experts on the topic of policing in schools:

- Law Professor Jyoti Nanda, who teaches criminal and juvenile law at Golden Gate University. Professor Nanda's scholarship explores the adultification of girls of color in our criminal justice system, and how race functions to ascribe and criminalize disability within the special education context in over-policed and over-surveilled schools. She is currently involved in an education project to address the knowledge gaps about the justice system for youth in the Los Angeles delinquency system that she plans to scale statewide.
- Treesje "Empowers" Thomas, an Inland Empire writer and mental health advocate who also serves as a school psychologist and on the advisory board of SayWordLA a Spoken Word curriculum that teaches high school students literacy, self-awareness, and social activism in LA County.

Care First South Pasadena is a volunteer community-based group seeking to reallocate some of the city's police budget to enhanced social services and youth development programs in its work to widen and promote social, racial, and economic justice.

To register for the Zoom presentation and discussion click [here](#) or e-mail carefirstsouthpas@gmail.com. You will receive a Zoom link to join the meeting, which is expected to last about an hour, beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17.