Movement Strategy Center's July 2022 Community News
Hello Friends,

July is **Minority Mental Health Month** — an opportunity to start a dialog around the unique struggles that racial and ethnic minority communities face when it comes to mental illness in America. **So, the July 16 launch of 988 is excellent timing.**

988 is sort of a sister service to 911; and it will replace the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** (that number, 1-800-273-8255, will remain in service after July 16) **as a nationwide number for individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts, mental health or substance abuse emergencies, or emotional distress.** This easy to remember, three-digit number — you can call, text, or chat — is an important first step in reimagining mental health and crisis support in the United States. It’s confidential, it’s free, and it’s available 24 hours a day. Callers will be able to talk to trained English and Spanish language crisis counselors who have interpretation capabilities for over 150 languages.

Of course, 988 has caveats — it isn’t fully or indefinitely funded as yet; and in places where infrastructure isn’t yet in place, callers may still end up interacting with law enforcement.

We chatted with **Tansy Hall McNulty**, Founder and CEO of **One Million Madly Motivated Moms (1M4)**, a fiscally sponsored project of MSC, to discuss the launch of 988. As founder of 1M4, she leads an ongoing effort to compile and share a comprehensive guide of local and regional Mobile Crisis Units all over the country — an often safer alternative to calling the police for Black families in need of mental health support. 1M4’s collection of crisis units and co-responders has become a jumping off point for 988’s network of operator-counselors and the mobile crisis units we hope will follow. Check out the full conversation at the Move Blog.

And speaking of Tansy — congrats are in order. 1M4 — her network of Black moms working to end police violence — was named one of 2022’s **JLH Fund Grant Partners**.

Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:

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**Roe v. Wade**

On June 24, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade — a devastating decision that comes with sweeping ramifications. The ecosystem has reacted in kind. Check [this op-ed](#) by Naina Khanna — co-director of **Positive Women’s Network - USA**. The gist? This is a long term fight and we need to throw down and #LiberateAbortion. Sign their pledge here. Navina Khanna released a [statement](#) that speaks to several recent rulings via **HEAL Food Alliance** — where she is executive director: “The slew of recent SCOTUS decisions — that grant more rights to guns than people with uteri, that exempt power plants from regulation, strip tribal Nations of their sovereignty, and protect police over people — are a sobering reminder that the systems that govern us were never designed for life to thrive.” Today, July 14, at 4pm PST, you can learn more about what's happening around abortion access in California with **PowerCA**. Jennifer Chou, a reproductive justice leader from the ACLU, will lead a presentation — [register](#) now. Finally, **Root. Rise. Pollinate! reminds us** that “our bodies are our territories. We need well tended minds, bodies, and
H20 at Home in Sandbranch
Residents of Sandbranch, Texas, a Freedmen’s Settlement founded after emancipation in 1878, have never had city water and rely on donated bottled water. Yet, Sandbranch is rising. Led by the Sandbranch Planning Committee, the first priority is to provide drinking water directly to 25 households through the cutting edge, regenerative technology of Hydropanels — solar-powered systems that extract clean drinking water from the air. Join our efforts and donate today. Visit the Sandbranch facebook fundraiser or donate here.

PWN and Community Engagement
Lift up the voices of researchers working to truly reduce harm for people living with HIV by joining Positive Womens Network - USA (PWN) for a fascinating conversation with the authors of “Lessons Learned from Community Engagement Regarding Phylodynamic Research with Molecular HIV Surveillance Data.” Register here, and continue your involvement by spreading the word about PWN’s open position for a Civic Engagement/Voter Engagement Program Manager. To learn more visit their website here.

Healing Crystals and Gemstones
Are you curious about gemstones and crystals? What their shapes express, how the energy flows, and the differences between the two? Join Healing Clinic Collective for the latest installment of their Collective Wellness Series. Access the natural and free energy of the universe through a guided meditation with Rose 2 Feathers, Keeper of the Rock for her Mayan clan — whose practice began in Houston, and continues in Arizona, and central and southern Texas. Click here to learn more.

Implementation of the Paris Agreement
Join experts from the Global North and the Global South for the second Better Climate Governance Matters Annual Conference on Monday, July 18 from 11am to 3pm UTC. Organized by the Better Climate Governance Project, the conference is designed to be a participatory exchange where different stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Paris Agreement can exchange their knowledge and experiences. Learn more about the conference here and register here.

Community shoutout! We are living for People’s Climate Innovation Center’s (PCIC) new look! The
PCIC recently launched their website, their new name, and their new logo. Formerly Climate Innovation, PCIC’s work remains rooted in supporting transformative community-driven solutions. Find PCIC on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, and join us in welcoming their newest team members: Radiah Shabazz, communications manager, and Iris Verduzco, their NACRP coordinator.

Help Wanted! MSC is hiring for multiple positions: MIIC Process Manager, MIIC Project Advisor, Director of Institutional Giving, Executive Assistant, and Operations Assistant. Join MSC’s tapestry of activists, academics, and movement allies who work everyday to embody the values and philosophies of our ecosystem.

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