

For More Information

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{ NATIONAL BLACK DRAFT COUNSELORS }

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT...

history

N.B.D.C. was founded in December, 1970. A group of fifty Black people came together, from around the country, and saw a need to develop some type of program to effectively deal with the problems of the draft. It became apparent that in actuality existing draft counseling was a trading game which was taking middle-class whites from the war machine and the war machine was taking more Third World young men to replace the middle-class whites.

purpose

"We as a national organization of black draft counselors operating on the principle of self-determination see our purpose as promoting expertise in Black draft counseling and educating Black people concerning Selective Service laws and their political ramifications as they affect their lives with the goals of freeing our people from the military and the Selective Service systems, raising the level of consciousness of all black people in order that they may continue equipping our communities to struggle against the United States system that oppresses black people and thereby create the society that frees them."

programs-

1. BLACK COUNSELING - Draft and Military

Development of Community Resources - To deal effectively with a brother's problems with Selective Service we need not only the skills of trained counselors, but the expertise of doctors, attorneys, ministers, public school teachers, social workers and other Black professionals as well as the active encouragement of Black parents. Once these resources have been developed as a necessary part of a draft/military counseling project they can be tapped for other community needs.

2. COMMUNITY EDUCATION - Speaking, Workshops,

Organizing to increase the awareness of third world people as to the disastrous effects of the draft and military on the community, and how it relates to the racism and militarism which characterize this society.

3. TRAINING OF COUNSELORS, TRAINERS Black Draft and Military

4. RESEARCH - As regards the military in relation to third world people at home and abroad.

5. PUBLICATION - Newsletters, Leaflets, Brochures, Films to aid in the development of community awareness.

What is Black draft/military counseling?

- informing Black youth of their legal rights as stated in the Selective Service laws and regulations;
- working with Black youth as they deal with the Selective Service System and the whole draft and military machine which are destructive forces in the Black community;
- working with Black men and women to help them deal with the oppressive system of conscription and economic impressment so that they may serve in the development of the Black community's struggle for liberation and freedom.

How does Black counseling relate to me & my community?

We see Black draft and military counseling in relation to the community as a whole. It is not an isolated service but is an aid in our constructive development. We work in close cooperation with other community organizers and community projects. We are involved in the training of brothers and sisters interested in seeing black draft and military counseling in their communities.

What are these counselors about?

Black draft counselors want to make brothers aware of and help them to assert their rights not to be drafted. Black counselors will explain all the alternatives open to brothers and assist them in dealing with a racist draft board.

Black military counselors advise brothers and sisters of their rights under military law and aid them in dealing with the racist military system.

Black draft and military counselors demand that brothers and sisters seriously consider all choices, not just the one that appears easiest.

Black draft and military counselors are answerable to their counselees and community.

Black draft and military counselors are individuals who love and work for all third world people.

interested ?



IF I AM GUILTY OF A CRIME,
IT IS THE CRIME OF THINKING.

THE DRAFT IS A TOTALITARIAN SYSTEM USED TO PRACTICE GENOCIDE AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE.
POOR AND WORKING CLASS PEOPLE ARE DRAFTED TO FIGHT FOR AMERICA'S MONAS,
NOT FOR THE INTEREST OF A FEW CAPITALIST WHO CONTROL THIS COUNTRY.

Walter Collins
(Statement in the court after being
sentenced to six years or jail for
draft resistance July, 1969)

Brother Walter Collins

Walter Collins, a 26 year-old activist in the Black liberation movement, was arrested November 27, 1970, at his home in New Orleans, to start serving a five-year sentence for refusing to be drafted.

Brother Walter had been active in civil-rights movements since he was in high-school and took part in the sit-ins of the early 1960's. He worked on voter-registration drives in the Deep South, and in 1966 he started organizing opposition to the Vietnam War in the Black community of New Orleans.

Brother Collin's situation is similar to that of thousands of young Black men across the country, for draft boards like his are operating everywhere. The only unusual thing about his case is that Collins had been organizing throughout the South and the country against racism, war and the draft. At the time he was arrested, he was scheduled to speak in the following two weeks at colleges and high schools throughout Louisiana and to participate in the founding conference of National Black Draft Counselors. The government wanted to shut him up quickly. Walter is just one of many brothers unjustly imprisoned because of the draft.

I am a Black draft counselor and would like to become a member of N.B.D.C.
I am a Black/Third World registrant and would like information and/or counseling.
I am enclosing \$_____ as support for N.B.D.C.
I pledge \$_____ per _____ during the next year.

Comments _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

(Include Area Code)

ZIP CODE _____

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LITERATURE AVAILABLE

"Thirty Years of Selective Service Racism" @ 85c
 'Position Paper on Black Draft Counseling'
 'Sickle Cell Anemia and the U.S. Military'
 N.B.D.C. Newsletter

Quantity	Total
_____	donation
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I would like my name added to N.B.D.C.'s mailing list

Check or money order enclosed Bill me No charge for items requested

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 (Include Area Code)

future

The draft is still with us. We must continue struggling to help third world communities from being Selective Service's primary victim, by making Black draft counseling as widely available as possible. Military counseling/organization must continue to be developed as a national extension of our work.

Nixon's promise of a Volunteer Army comes as a long sought for relief to many of the middle-class. However their relief is clearly to be a burden for others. Nixon stated that the "Volunteer Army" would not be possible were it not for this country's present economic depression. Economic impasement will be as real as the draft to many third world brothers and sisters.

We need your support!

N.B.D.C. is entirely supported by voluntary contributions, mosly small amounts from individual donors, along with some support from churches and foundations. Last year we trained ninety brothers and sisters as draft and military counselor/organizers; and held three regional training conferences which resulted in the establishment of fifteen N.B.D.C. counseling projects. We brought together representatives from Black draft and military counseling projects, as well as folk interested in initiating such efforts in their communities three times last year and they form the decision making body of N.B.D.C. making us a truly national group. All this was done on a budget of \$5,000.00 and the help of a lot of committed brothers and sisters. (The majority of N.B.D.C. members do Black draft and military counseling/organizing on a volunteer basis in addition to maintaining full-time jobs so that they can sustain themselves and their families. However much more in the way of funds will be required for the coming year if we are to meet the challenges of 1972.