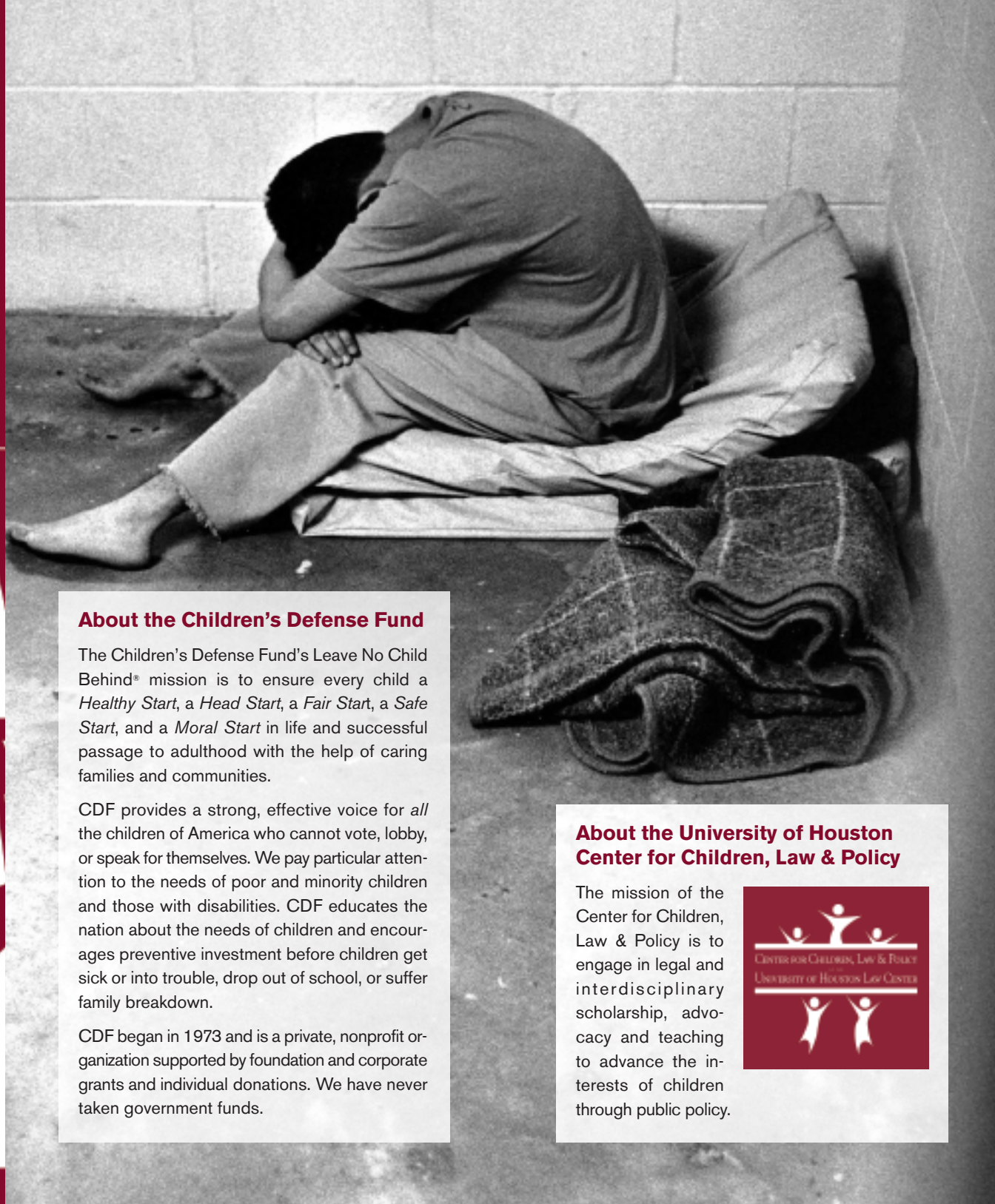


# Cradle to Prison Pipeline™

## Texas Summit

March 14, 2008  
University of Houston  
Law Center  
Houston, Texas

Presented by:  
**Children's Defense  
Fund Texas**  
and  
**The University of  
Houston Center  
for Children,  
Law & Policy**



### About the Children's Defense Fund

The Children's Defense Fund's Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

CDF provides a strong, effective voice for *all* the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. We pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investment before children get sick or into trouble, drop out of school, or suffer family breakdown.

CDF began in 1973 and is a private, nonprofit organization supported by foundation and corporate grants and individual donations. We have never taken government funds.

### About the University of Houston Center for Children, Law & Policy

The mission of the Center for Children, Law & Policy is to engage in legal and interdisciplinary scholarship, advocacy and teaching to advance the interests of children through public policy.





## Travel Information

### Arrivals

The Summit is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 14. IAH (Bush Intercontinental) is approximately 25 miles, or 40 minutes, from the University. Hobby Airport is approximately 8 miles, or 20 minutes, from the University.

### Local Airports

**Bush Intercontinental (IAH)**  
**Hobby Airport (HOU)**

CDF will not be providing airport shuttle service. To get driving directions, taxi, or shuttle information for nearby hotels, please call your hotel.

### Accommodations

The Children's Defense Fund has reserved a limited number of rooms for the night of the 13th at the Hilton Americas, downtown. Rooms will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Each participant is responsible for reserving and paying for hotel accommodations. Please call the hotel directly and indicate that you are a *Cradle to Prison Pipeline* Summit participant. After the reserved rooms are filled, participants will be responsible for finding their own accommodations.

**Hilton Americas – Houston (Downtown)**  
(713) 739-8000

### Directions from Downtown Houston

Head southbound on I-45. Take the Spur 5 exit. Turn right at University Drive. Turn right onto Calhoun. To enter the campus turn left at Entrance 19. Turn right into Parking Lot 19B.

### Questions?

Contact Cecilia Joseph at (713) 664-4080 or [cjoseph@childrensdefense.org](mailto:cjoseph@childrensdefense.org).

For more information and to register online visit:  
[www.cdf-texas.org/TexasSummit.php](http://www.cdf-texas.org/TexasSummit.php)

## Discussion Topics

*All scheduled events are tentative and will be confirmed at a later date.*

- **Mobilizing Public Demand and Political Will**
- **Finding Ways to Communicate with Young Males and Prevent Violence**
- **Youth and Parent Perspectives of the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice System Experience**
- **Systemic Reforms to Protect Children from the Prison Pipeline**
- **A Call to Action: Next Steps to Dismantle the Pipeline**

Keynote Speaker

**Marian Wright Edelman**  
President and Founder,  
Children's Defense Fund

**Friday, March 14, 2008**  
**University of Houston Law Center**  
(4800 Calhoun)

**7:30 AM Check-In | 8 AM – 5:30 PM Program**

**T**he Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is sponsoring a day-long Texas Summit in Houston at the University of Houston Law Center to address America's Cradle to Prison Pipeline® crisis. Every year, tens of thousands of poor children are funneled into the prison pipeline and down life paths that often lead to arrest, conviction, incarceration and even death. The architecture of this pipeline comprises a complex set of factors that includes poverty, race, lack of quality early childhood education, low-performing schools, lack of access to health and mental health care, broken child welfare and juvenile justice systems, struggling families and depressed communities, and a toxic youth culture.

The *Cradle to Prison Pipeline* constitutes a national crisis that has a devastating impact on low-income Black and Latino communities. Many boys sucked into the pipeline are virtually precluded from ever becoming productive workers, good husbands and fathers, or contributing members of their communities. Surprisingly, girls are the fastest growing group of incarcerated young people. We are calling upon faith and community leaders, child advocates, early childhood, health and mental health, child welfare and juvenile justice professionals, educators, lawyers and judges, members of law enforcement, elected officials, business leaders, foundation representatives, members of the media, parents and youth themselves to join us as we develop powerful strategies to dismantle the *Cradle to Prison Pipeline*.