

...changing the system that raised them...

From PLACE TO PLACE community forum

listen to youth • trust youth • take action with youth

After aging out of America's foster care system, *From Place to Place* follows plucky underdogs Mandy and Raif on an unlikely journey as they set out to change the system that raised them. The film gives a gritty glimpse into life post-foster care while documenting two courageous young souls who decide to fix the system for the next generation. Mandy and Raif make it all the way to Capitol Hill to meet members of Congress and testify to the Senate Caucus on Foster Youth. The power of their stories sets in motion a chain of events that culminates in the Caucus' Call to Action for comprehensive child welfare reform.

From Place to Place Community Forums are part of a national conversation about America's foster care system. Each Forum features the screening of the short or feature film along with a panel presentation by local foster youth and alumni. These events not only highlight the voice of young people, but should include them in all aspects of planning and follow up. The goal is to highlight their stories and ideas for change, while bringing together professionals, policy makers and community members for a proactive conversation. This is no longer the work of social workers alone, it is time that individuals, families, communities and agencies come together to talk about how we are going to care for the next generation of kids in foster care.

The objectives of each Forum are:

1. To build **AWARENESS** about the state of America's foster care system
2. To create a sense of **URGENCY** to help America's children in foster care
3. To move people to **ACTION** to reform America's foster care system

"The impact of the film and youth panel is still reverberating within our agency."

Allison, Kinship Center

To organize a From Place to Place Community Forum in your community please **contact** the film's Producer Matt Anderson, MSW. Matt is available to speak at Community Forums and facilitate the panel. 406.544.0201 or matt@porchproductions.net www.fromplacetoplacemovie.com