

# Incarceration, finances focus of new movement

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*Special to Sentinel-Voice*  
 GREENSBORO, N.C. (NNPA) - Nettie Coad remembers the days in the 1960s when cars would come through an African-American neighborhood with blaring bullhorns encouraging the people to demand equal rights. In an instant, the insurgency for change would rally African-Americans to stop whatever they were do-

ing to march and chant behind those cars. Coad said, "That was the Civil Rights Movement then. This is now." "Back then, a political movement was truly a movement. It made a difference and now you kind of miss that. There was a lot of excitement," said Coad, organizer and trainer of the Undoing Racism Workshop. Coad said when she be-

came involved in civil rights her main objective was to follow, learn and get involved. Coad's mentors at the time were the late Greensboro dentist, Dr. George Simkins and the late Alfredda Webb, animal science professor at North Carolina A&T State University. Coad said she has attended meetings where she was spat on, but she knew that what she was (See Movement, Page 15)

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Children whose families cannot afford co-payments, resulting in unfilled medications and missed doctor visits, will still get sick. Instead of receiving care efficiently and cheaply through Medicaid, they will receive care inefficiently and expensively in hospital emergency rooms, and have more serious health problems when they do receive care."

The current reforms being sought by Congress this year mirror, to some extent, the 1996 welfare reforms of the Clinton Administration when increased work requirements were promulgated in tandem with a reduced reliance upon government assistance. The results have been a mixed bag.

Despite the fact welfare case loads, according to government records, shrunk nearly in half nationwide, from 4 million families in the mid-1990s to 2 million in 2000, many female, single, heads of household now find themselves working longer hours in low paying jobs with little chance for advancement or wage increases.

Many former recipients are also being forced to work two and three jobs just to make ends meet. Still others have to resort to food pantries and clothing donations. And increasingly, families are being forced to rely on emergency services, such as shelters and government fuel subsidies in the winter, because their household budgets simply don't stretch far enough.

Clinton's 1996 welfare reforms have also resulted in increased child care expenses and reduced healthcare insurance, which at times has forced parents to choose between staying home with their sick children — thereby risking their jobs in the process — or sending them to daycare and other less-than-desirable caregivers who 'pinch-hit' when they are unable to stay at home with their children; the end result being even greater healthcare problems in the long run.

Against this dismal backdrop, members of the Republican-led Congress have steadfastly refused to raise the minimum wage which has remained stagnant at \$5.15 since 1997, even as they have voted themselves seven pay raises, resulting in a \$30,000 annual increase over the same eight-year period.

Currently, a number of prominent members of Congress earn \$162,000 annually; by contrast, many of the working poor earn less than \$11,000. It might be noted that during the past 67 years, the minimum wage has only been raised eight times.

And now, adding insult to injury, according to critics, Congress is poised to make even more drastic cuts in entitlement programs, even as it dispenses \$70 billion in continued tax breaks, the majority of which will wind up in the hands of the wealthy.

K. Chandler writes for the Westside Gazette.

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