

# THE CENTRAL PARK FIVE

## REFLECTION & RESOURCE GUIDE



*In combination with the reflection and resource guide, we wanted to offer community-based resources for you to utilize and refer those in need. We also encourage you to think about what role you can play in your community in response to the themes raised by the opera. For example, advocating, volunteering, supporting, or donating to the organizations below.*

### **HOW: REFER, USE, VOLUNTEER, DONATE**

- [Don't Call the Police](#)- community-based alternatives to police in your city:
  - Call 211 OR [mi211.org](https://mi211.org)
  - [Common Ground](#)- crisis intervention agency
    - 988 for emergencies or 1-800-231-1127 (24/7 Hotline)
  - C.O.P.E.- Crisis Stabilization Unit and short-term coordinated care management
    - (844) 296-COPE (2673) (24/7 crisis hotline)
- **Legal Resources**
  - [Innocence Network](#)- Pro bono and investigative services to prove the innocence of people who faced wrongful convictions
  - [Michigan Innocence Clinic](#) - Provides pro bono services specifically focusing on innocence cases where there is no DNA to be tested
  - [State Bar of Michigan](#)- Resources and referrals
    - 800-968-0738
  - [Innocence Project](#)- Work to eliminate the failings that lead to wrongful convictions and disproportionately harm communities of color, especially Black people through federal- and state-based legislative changes
- **Reintegration Support**
  - [Michigan Abolition and Prison Solidarity](#)- Abolitionists organizing in solidarity with the imprisoned against the violence of incarceration
  - [Prison Creative Arts Project](#)- Facilitates art workshops in Michigan prisons and provides arts programming, professional development, and a social support network for formerly incarcerated individuals through the University of Michigan. Linkage Community is a branch of PCAP and is co-directed by artists who have come home and are interested in continuing to pursue the creative arts.
    - [lsa.umich.edu/pcap](https://lsa.umich.edu/pcap)

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- [A Brighter Way](#)– Empower formerly incarcerated individuals returning to our community to achieve purpose-filled lives with guidance in Reentry Through Relationship
- [Mutual Aid Hub](#)– Find local mutual aid organizations near you
- **Sexual Violence Prevention and Support**
  - [FirstStep](#)– Provides services for victims of domestic and sexual violence in Wayne County
    - (734) 722-6800 (24-Hour Helpline)
- **Youth Led**
  - [Detroit Heals Detroit](#)– Foster healing justice for Detroit youth in which they are able to transform their pain into power through direct decision-making in the Healing Hub services
- **Restorative Justice**
  - [Friends of Restorative Justice](#)– A group from Washtenaw County and surrounding areas who work to bring restorative justice to our community through educational offerings and community events
  - [Metro Detroit](#)– Alliance of practitioners and advocates in Michigan dedicated to the advancement and integration of restorative justice practices across various sectors through legal and local advocacy, community engagement, and training
  - [Michigan United](#)– Utilize principles of restorative justice in their work to advocate for alternatives to prisons, provide greater opportunities to returning citizens and affected communities, and reform policies and practices of police, schools, and prosecutors
  - [Survivors Speak](#)– Utilize conversation, community engagement, and community mobilization to support the power of voice on a mission for healing and supporting individuals' needs.

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### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: [Stopped by Police \(ACLU\)](#)**

- If you wish to exercise your right to remain silent, say it out loud: “I am exercising my right to remain silent.” Anything you say can and will be used against you.
- Don’t say anything, sign anything, or make any decisions without a lawyer.
- You have the right to a government-appointed lawyer if you cannot afford one. Remember to say: “I want to speak to my attorney” or “I want to invoke my right to an attorney, and I would like a public defender to represent me.”
- Remain calm and composed. Do not run, resist, or obstruct police officers to reduce risk to yourself.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER VIEWING:**

- The Innocence Files (2020)- Documentary Series