

PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

This zine is intended to be printed on one sheet of 8.5x11 paper. Use the following settings.

- Select pages 2-3 of this PDF.
- Print double sided, and flip on the short edge.
- Select "Actual Size" or "Scale 100%."

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Cut the paper into quarters along the dotted lines shown below.

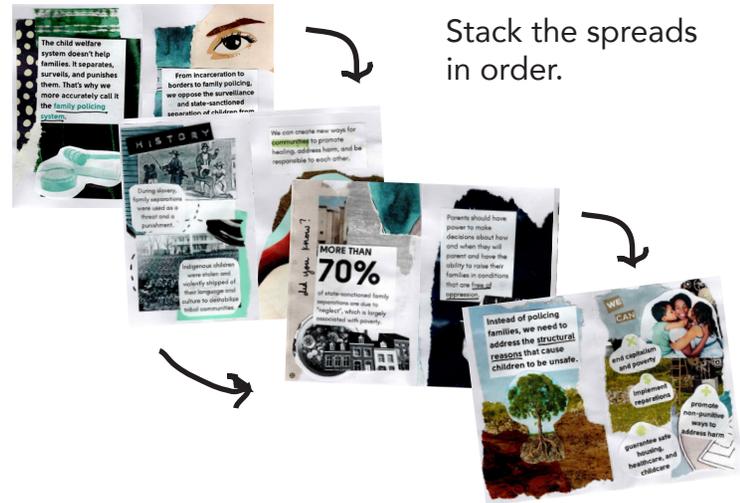


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Fold each spread in half along these dotted lines.

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Stack the spreads in order.

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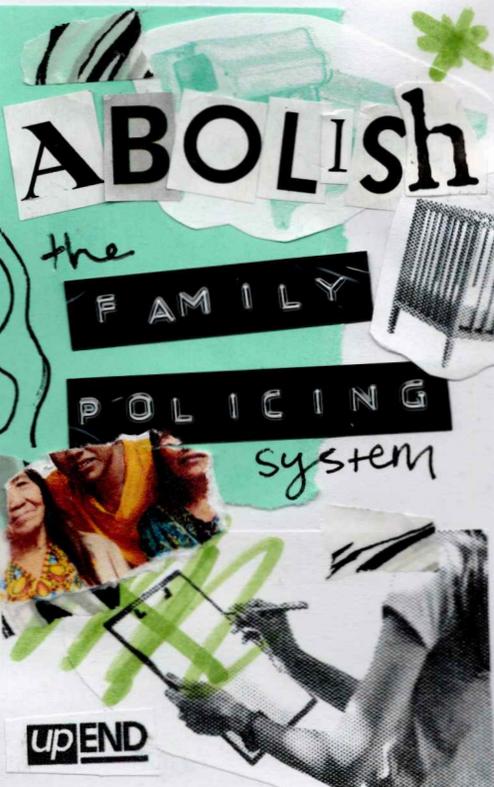
Bind the zine along the spine, with staples, string, or a sewing machine.





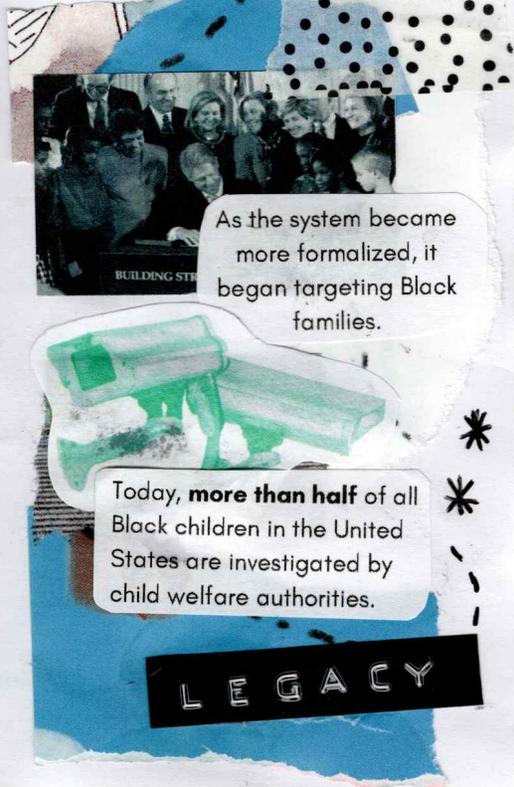
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ABOLITION is ABOUT BOTH BREAKING and BUILDING

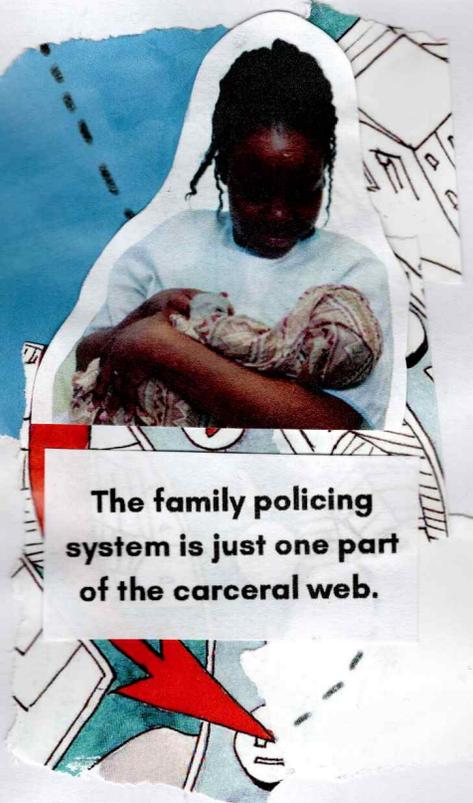
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As the system became more formalized, it began targeting Black families.

Today, more than half of all Black children in the United States are investigated by child welfare authorities.

LEGACY



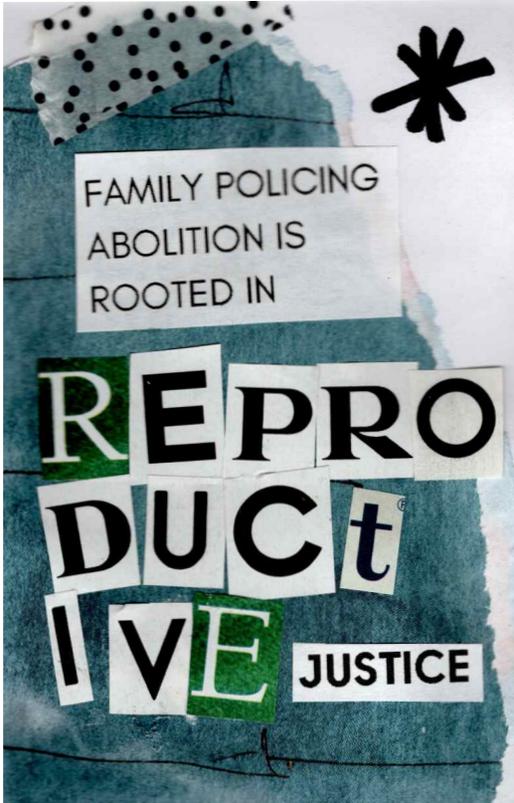
The family policing system is just one part of the carceral web.



So-Called "Child Welfare" Tears Families Apart. How Can We Repair This Harm?

Activists are organizing to end punitive family policing policies that unnecessarily separate children from families.

November 17, 2022
"If I Wasn't Poor, I Wouldn't Be Unfit"
The Family Separation Crisis in the US Child Welfare System



FAMILY POLICING ABOLITION IS ROOTED IN

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE



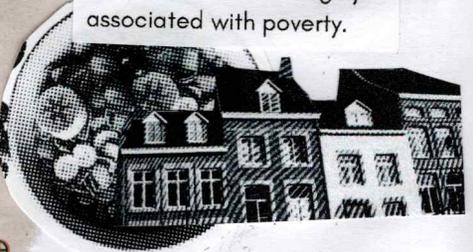
When parents experience poverty and are unable to provide food, clothing, education, shelter, and medical care, they are blamed and punished instead of supported.

abolition is the only way forward

did you know?

MORE THAN
70%

of state-sanctioned family separations are due to "neglect", which is largely associated with poverty.



Parents should have power to make decisions about how and when they will parent and have the ability to raise their families in conditions that are free of oppression.



The child welfare system doesn't help families. It separates, surveils, and punishes them. That's why we more accurately call it the family policing system.



From incarceration to borders to family policing, we oppose the surveillance and state-sanctioned separation of children from their families in all forms.



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Instead of policing families, we need to address the structural reasons that cause children to be unsafe.



WE CAN

 end capitalism and poverty

 implement reparations

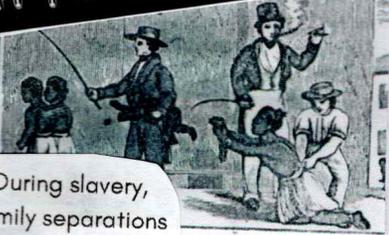
 guarantee safe housing, healthcare, and childcare

 promote non-punitive ways to address harm

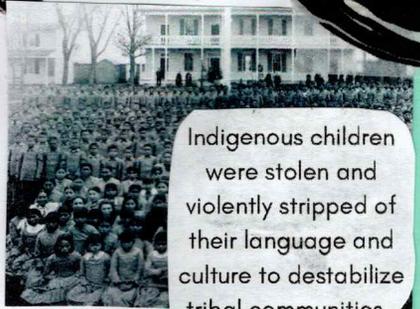


HISTORY

During slavery, family separations were used as a threat and a punishment.



Indigenous children were stolen and violently stripped of their language and culture to destabilize tribal communities.



We can create new ways for communities to promote healing, address harm, and be responsible to each other.

