My Sistas' Keeper:
Giving voice to the experiences of violence against and amongst Black Girls

1 of every 4 violent episodes is perpetrated by teen girls

Black girls are more likely than boys and 3 times more likely than white girls to avoid going to school due to safety

Black girls are more likely to report being forced to have sexual intercourse and involved in dating violence than white girls or other girls of color

"Black girls like Black boys scar...Those scars are real, and we are responsible."

Kiese Laymon, author

Hyper-visible for punitive policies

Invisible for interventions

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KAVI Women's Program
- Check-ins
- Peer advisement
- "Beyond the school bell" support
- Mentorship
- Psychosocial referrals
- Field trips

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