

Cleveland community leader will speak at D.C. rally

Posted by [Donna J. Miller/Plain Dealer Reporter](#) May 05, 2009 12:55PM

Categories: [Black History](#), [Breaking News](#), [Crime](#)



Amir El Hajj Khalid A. Samad

WASHINGTON — Cleveland activist Khalid Samad will speak at the Youth P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Act rally in Washington Thursday.

Samad, of [Peace in the Hood](#), is a gang-prevention and intervention specialist and spokesman for the National Council for Urban Peace, Justice and Empowerment.

The Youth P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Act, House Bill 1064 and Senate Bill 435, was drafted by U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott, of Virginia. P.R.O.M.I.S.E. stands for Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education.

The legislation addresses ways for communities to prevent youth violence. It's endorsed by the NAACP, the ACLU, the Children's Defense Fund, the American Psychological Associations, the American Bar Association, the Child Welfare League of America and the Sentencing Project.

For more information, call Peace In the Hood, 216-283-4400, Ext. 2266.