

## **Major Partners and Funding for Projects Addressing the School-to-Prison Pipeline**

The CTTT board realizes that we cannot tackle this problem alone without funding and without partners with the needed expertise. We turned first to the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at EMU, because we are affiliated with them and because they are a center for expertise in restorative justice, a known effective alternative to harsh zero-tolerance disciplinary policies. We found out that the EMU Education Department has just this year established the first degree program in the nation that embraces restorative discipline, what they like to call restorative practices. A major goal is to help teachers with useful tools to reduce the school-to-prison pipeline. See: <http://www.emu.edu/maed/restorative-justice/>

CJP and the Education Department have agreed to be partners with CTTT.

The EMU Development Office helped us identify a small foundation that supports CJP projects, the United Service Foundation, that might be interested in assisting with this project.

In addition, we were able to identify 11 major funders who announced in 2014 a strong interest specifically in the school-to prison pipeline:

- **Atlantic Philanthropies**
- **Bloomberg Philanthropies**
- **California Endowment**
- **Open Society Foundation**
- **Annie E. Casey Foundation**
- **Nathan Cummings Foundation**
- **Ford Foundation**
- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation**
- **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation**
- **Skillman Foundation**
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

Source: “Foundations Announce Plan for Spending \$194-Million to Improve Lives on Young Minority Men” by Maria Di Mento, *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, June 9, 2014:

<http://philanthropy.com/article/Foundations-Announce-Plans-for/146985/>