

Columbus Urban League



The Columbus Urban League is a non-profit, community service agency that specializes in housing, employment, education and prevention services targeting African Americans and disadvantaged individuals and communities. We help people get jobs, find or retain housing, reduce or prevent crime in their neighborhoods, make healthy life choices and we provide learning opportunities for people 3 years of age and older. We have a talented, trained, dedicated staff and over 90 years of experience serving the Columbus community.

Today the Columbus Urban League is still breaking down barriers of discrimination by being a problem-solving organization that has developed partnerships with corporations, foundations, government and organizations. The League's major goal continues to be the empowerment of people to control their destiny.

In the organization's 91-year history, The Columbus League has provided services to more than one million Columbus residents through the efforts of a dedicated and committed staff who have a passion to serve.

Through Education and Prevention Services, Career Development Services, Head Start, (AAMI) African American Male Initiatives and Housing/Foreclosure assistance; the League is working to advocate for change and enhance the quality of life for all people.



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Although the initiative serves males of all ethnic/racial groups, we recognize that the African American population is of particular need and will constitute a major constituency for our work.



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Changing Lives.

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A.A.M.I.

African American Male Initiative

Mission:

To enable African American and disadvantaged males to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

Founded By:

Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman
Former Columbus City Councilman Pro Tem Kevin Boyce



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Urban Warriors

Protectors of the Village

As defined by Webster's dictionary, a Warrior is one who is engaged or experienced in conflict and/or war. The youth in our community are engaged in conflict everyday in their Urban environments. Our program aims to develop the critical thinking skills of young men in grades 6-9 by nurturing their minds, bodies and souls.

Based largely out of Champion and Indianola Middle Schools, Urban Warriors was developed as a partnership with Columbus City Public Schools and their 'It Still Takes A Village' initiative. Using the Search Institutes "40 Developmental Assets", our youth are engaged in a peer group mentoring model that provides the Warriors with positive male influence, positive community outlets and afrocentric based education.



GOALS & STRATEGIES

- Increase the literacy, life skills, cultural experiences, critical thinking skills and educational attainment of youth in Central Ohio
- Increase the number of African American youth and adults who graduate from high school and attend college
- Decrease the rate of crime in the African American community
- Provide high quality learning and cultural experiences for youth 12-16 years of age who live in the urban Columbus community.
- Prepare youth for success in high school, college and beyond.
- Help families of children served address issues, concerns and barriers in their lives.



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Father 2 Father



MISSION

To assist men in becoming the instinctive, responsible and nurturing fathers they desire to be; while also educating the general public on the unique, important and essential role that fathers play in the development of their children.



PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

The Father 2 Father program has developed the following specific objectives to guide our approach to the successful completion of this regional fatherhood initiative.

- Develop the skills that will lead fathers to better understand their parental roles, rights and responsibilities.
- Develop strategies to successfully overcome the barriers that prevent fathers from being active participants in the lives of their children.
- Assist fathers in becoming self-reliant financially, emotionally and socially as we assist them in dealing with barriers such as financial literacy, intergenerational learning (father absence), educational deficiencies, joblessness, anger and stress management.
- Educate fathers on their legal rights and assist them in navigating barriers such as Child Support Enforcement Agencies & Juvenile Courts.

Father 2 Father uses the nationally recognized 12-week curriculum called "A Nurturing Father's Program" published by the Center for Growth & Development, Inc.



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Transitions

VISION

To create a world where all formerly incarcerated individuals have the tools needed to succeed in the community and become positive, contributing members of society.



MISSION

To reintegrate formally incarcerated individuals into the community. We strive to reduce prison recidivism and improve public safety through addressing the educational, employment, healthcare, housing and family relationship needs of prisoners re-entering society by providing support and connecting them to needed services in the community. Improve public safety by addressing the educational, employment, healthcare, housing and family relationship needs of prisoners re-entering society by providing support and connection to needed services in the community.

TARGET POPULATION

The population for this program are formally incarcerated offenders returning to Franklin County. The characteristics of the population are: chronic, non-sex offenders, between the ages of 18 and 55 at the time of their release, at low to medium risk, in high need: serious about making changes and who have been incarcerated for a minimum of twelve consecutive months.



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