

M.E.N. Mission Statement

“Males Empowering our Neighborhoods to teach, guide, and serve as an example and a positive resource for the future male leaders of the community.”

The lack of positive male influences has left a generation of teens with their dreams deferred. Our solution to this problem is the creation of the Males Empowering our Neighborhoods program or (M.E.N). We are concerned with the overwhelming issues that negatively impact our male youth in their communities. Our solution is to offer alternative approaches to our young male participants that reinforces a positive and healthy lifestyle. The after-school program offers young men in the community daily group mentoring sessions. In tandem with our regular mentoring sessions, M.E.N. offers instruction in the art of karate and group dance/stepping activities as extracurricular activities.

The primary goal of M.E.N. is to assist male youth participants in becoming responsible, respectful, resourceful and successful young men. The program places great emphasis on developing effective critical decision making skills that reinforce positive academic outcomes that will ultimately lead to college readiness and career and workforce preparedness for its participants.

MEN is designed to be a deterrent to gang involvement and violence and the program serves as a positive alternative to negative peer pressure and becoming a victim to the streets. Our goal is develop responsible citizens that may become future leaders in their respective communities.

With funding from the state of New Jersey Office of Faith Based Initiatives and other sponsors, we provide excellent mentors who are committed to the mission of developing these young men by providing expertise and advice to guide young men towards the path to success.

“The more consistent a father or a mentor can be in a person's life while teaching them at a young age the principles of real solid manhood, character, integrity and leadership, the better off they'll be.”

- Allan Houston
(NBA Player)

“We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors.”

- Lyndon B. Johnson
(President)

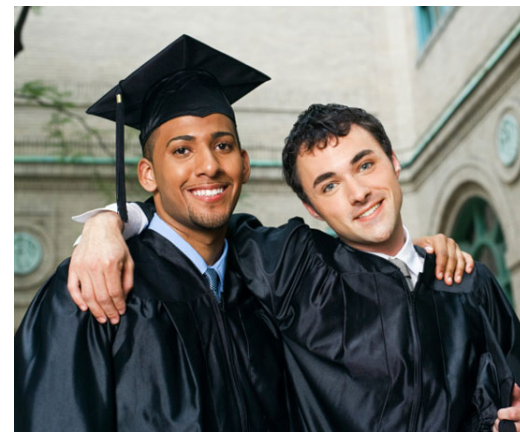
**Partnerships Community Development Corp.
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**Mentoring Program
for Young Men**

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What is M.E.N.?

The M.E.N. program offers a host of workshops that focus on personal responsibility, positive lifestyle changes, and stresses the importance of health and physical fitness (Karate and Dance/Stepping) as a way to promote healthy living. In addition, the participants are introduced to successful men from the business, legal, medical, educational and military community who serve as vital role models to the young males we serve.

M.E.N. works rigorously with its young male participants to increase academic participation in schools and sets benchmarks to achieve attainable goals. The mentors work with their mentees several times during the week to guide, support, and bolster confidence. Our efforts are to provide a safe and reassuring environment that creates a sense of belonging and brotherhood.

Through M.E.N. the young men receive critical support and encouragement that positively impacts school attendance rates, and increases the chances of graduation from high school and pursuing post-secondary studies or vocational training.



What can M.E.N. achieve?

Mentored students get more out of their experience—they do better in the classroom and plan more effectively for their career

- Young men will learn how to be leaders in their communities and families
- Young men will be deterred from gang involvement and other negative pressures from the streets
- Young men learn how to accept the help of a mentor and how to ask others to mentor them over their lifetime
- Having a mentor means that program impacts last longer once the young men graduate—the mentor helps them transition to the next phases of their life



How do I get involved?

- Monetary donations
- Ask your child's school to incorporate the M.E.N. program into their afterschool program
- Volunteer your time for events, programs and field trips
- Inquire about being a guest speaker to talk to the young men about your life experiences, decisions, and positive outcomes

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