

Black Family Development, Inc.

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Positive Youth Development Initiatives



Your Advantage to Success

Math Mastery I

Mathematics has a pervasive influence on life. Whether we are watching a football game or learning to skate, we are using math principles. The Math Mastery program is designed for high school students who have demonstrated challenges in math. The program goal is to utilize innovative teaching techniques to demystify and simplify advanced mathematic concepts.

The premise of the Math Mastery curriculum maintains that mathematics is simply the patterns and structures of nine numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9); and that all equations are solved through logical analysis, deduction and calculation within those patterns and structures.

Youth participants begin by learning the language of numbers which helps them make important decisions and perform everyday tasks. The eleven week process culminates with a final competition entitled "Math Mastery". Participants are awarded cash prizes, certificates and trophies.

Christmas Jam Talent Show

Black Family Development, Inc. Christmas Jam partners with schools, youth service providers, and neighborhoods in Detroit to promote youth leadership and good self-esteem. Enthusiastic volunteers from the entertainment industry participate as talent show instructors working in dance, production and choreography.

Christmas Jam provides youth with opportunities to produce and participate in a talent show, thus creating stages where youth can successfully present themselves and contribute to their own development.

Academic Olympics

The Academic Olympics program is designed to encourage youth to view high school graduation as an attainable goal and develop practical objectives to accomplish that goal. Four to six youth are partnered with two adult volunteers to form a study team in one the following subjects: Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and English. At the conclusion of the eleven week process, the program culminates with the final competition entitled "The Academic Olympics". Participants are awarded cash prizes, certificates and trophies.

My Healthy Body Olympics

Black Family Development, Inc. partners with community organizations and the Detroit Public Schools to facilitate "My healthy Body Olympics", a health education program. The program goal is to equip children with the tools necessary to make healthy fitness and nutrition decisions. My Healthy Body Olympics educates children about their bodies' need for good nutrition and fitness.

Students study the material in teams with a teacher for four weeks. At the conclusion, study teams participate in a final competition entitled "My Healthy Body Olympics". All participants receive cash prizes, certificates of recognition and/or trophies.

Integrity Awards

The Integrity Awards Program places equal value on positive character traits and intellectual ability. The Integrity Awards acknowledges youth who have demonstrated positive character traits such as self-determination, honesty, compassion, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness and citizenship.

Those youth who go beyond what is convenient to help others, who overcome obstacles and who live with integrity, are good candidates for an Integrity Award. Integrity Awards target youth on the east side of Detroit.

Links to Literacy

A Program: To assist youth in increasing their reading proficiency through the use of a computer-based learning system.

Training to Reign

A Program: To assist youth to become financially literate, to understand and manage their income, and to financially plan for their future.

Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

A Program: To assist youth improve their social skill competence, anger control, and moral reasoning. Additional, ART prepares youth to serve as peer mentors and trainers in positive approaches to control anger.

Rites of Passage

The Rites of Passage Program utilizes African culture to introduce young people to a new way of thinking and viewing themselves, their families, their community, and the world.

A part of the impact of this program is to assist the participants in developing hope beyond their hostility, anger, frustration, and despair. Additionally, youth increase the probability of transitioning into successful adulthood.

The self esteem of each young person and a sense of self-worth will be fortified when they fully comprehend that there is a network of adults who love them and who desire to guide them in achieving their highest potential. The Rites of Passage program targets Detroit youth ages 13-17 on the eastside of Detroit.

African Centered Olympics

The African Centered Olympics Program partners with the Detroit Public Schools and Charter Schools to promote cultural awareness and self-respect. Students examine the African American contribution to American History.

Students develop social skills such as cooperative learning and teamwork.

Elementary, Middle and Secondary students participate in a 6-week process to study the African Centered Olympics material provided by Black Family Development, Inc.

Each school hosts an in-school competition and the qualifying team represents their school at the city-wide competition entitled the "African Centered Olympics". All participants receive cash prizes, certificate of recognition and/or trophies. Recommend your school today!