
**Dreams and Visions Manifested
partner with other non-profit
organizations, and community
entities to offer young men:**

- Programs that will develop character and proper etiquette and job shadowing
- Workshops that will enhance a positive community representation
- Receive individualized and group mentoring
- Field trips and positive recreation
- The annual Youth Empowering and Equipping Summit
- Extracurricular activities

Our collaborations, community partnerships and overall commitment to youth is for the sole purpose to make a difference in the lives of young men.

We endeavor and work diligently to focus is to close the gap on disparities that exist among young men of color and other males in the community.

**While the Young Men of Stature program focuses on young men of color, the program is open to any young men between the ages of 11-18.*



**Tri-County Young Men of Stature
Lost & Found Program**

Serving
Ingham, Eaton and Clinton County

Young Men of Stature: Lost & Found program is designed for young men between the ages of 11-18, who are at risk of dropping out of school, and to uplift young men of color so they may achieve the standards that will help them compete and thrive in local, national and global platforms.

Our Mission/General Objectives

Dreams & Visions Manifested basic mission is to provide specific needs to local young males, while partnering with faith-based or other non-profit agencies to address and resolve problems in our community.

Our goals and objectives are to plan, provide and develop training and programs that eliminate unsafe, non-productive environments for our youth and the community.

Our Focus

We will focus on restructuring young male behavior so they embrace the challenges of society and thrive—not succumb to it.

As a new entity we have helped plan and implement projects that served over 200 local youth.

Our activities have been supported by the Lansing Police Department, Ingham County, faith-based organizations and non-profit organizations.

We will work to help families to improve school attendance and proper etiquette in the community and create enough layers of support to prevent young males from falling through the cracks.

Our ultimate focus is to closing any disparities that exist among young men of color and other males in the community.

Purpose of Program

Our program will provide young men with enriching activities that will help develop and empower them to stay in school and become educated, productive members of society.

We will provide positive male mentors and leaders that model good character. These leaders will mentor the young men and help them:

- Respect themselves
- Respect others
- Strive for excellence
- Stay in School
- Set interpersonal goals

Ultimately, the focal point of this program is to reduce the number of high school dropouts.

Description of Target Population

Young men of color in the Tri-County area have the highest dropout rate in the state. We have specifically designed our program to work directly with young men of color ages 11-18 who are at risk of dropping out.

We have developed and will continue to facilitate strategic plans to counteract negative behaviors and prevent dropout at the earliest stages possible.

Program Benefits

The program is designed to provide positive incentives and tools for young males that will decrease the number of dropouts. Our communities

will benefit as a result of this program because young men will experience:

- Improved character and self-respect
- Increased positive, constructive behavior
- Learn how to write resumes
- Introduction to goal setting

Plans to Accomplish Goals and Objectives

To ensure the success of the project there will be presenters, male and female consultant with skills in multiple fields to address our identified objectives.

Transportation will provided for participants for easy access to the program.

- Develop short and long-term programs and activities that will help and support participants
- Workshops and training sessions are designed in the program to guide the participants towards an understanding of the role education, character, and respect has in successful achievements

Our Volunteers, Mentors and Staff

Each volunteer is specially selected to bring expertise in a multitude of areas. They will help our program participants build self-awareness, self-esteem and learn job skills. Additionally, they will bring their combined experience to help young men transition onto positive and constructive paths.