



RECRUITING MENTORS TO SAVE A GENERATION

INSPIRE. RECRUIT. TRANSFORM.

Our **Best: Black Male Achievement Mentoring Campaign** is a new initiative focused specifically on improving life outcomes for young black men in our community. Led by Seattle CARES Mentoring Movement in partnership with the City of Seattle and local mentoring organizations, Our Best will expand opportunities for black men and boys in education, economic mobility, health, safety and “positive connections.”

Seattle CARES Mentoring Movement, a nonprofit organization, is one of 58 cities and affiliates participating in the National CARES Mentoring Movement. We recruit caring, interested and stable adults and train them as mentors, using culturally anchored, trauma-informed curricula. After receiving training, mentors return to the community to share what they have learned with black youth enrolled in other Seattle mentoring programs.

OUR PLEDGE TO BLACK YOUTH

Seattle has a shortage of black male mentors, leaving many mentor programs ill-equipped to support young black men in culturally responsive ways. Our mission is to secure and transform the lives of black children by inspiring, recruiting and mobilizing scores of caring black men and women who will mentor and nurture local youth. Our national volunteer affiliate network connects adults with youth-serving organizations, while our national group-mentoring programs focus on the emotional, social and academic development of our children and the wellness of the adults who mentor and educate them.

Seattle CARES envisions a nation in which all black children are loved; have access to quality, culturally competent education; and are supported by well-resourced families and communities living in harmony and guided by faith. We support a world in which African American children and families are deeply rooted in mutual love and the history of black people, and where they are respected for all that their fore parents withstood and contributed to enrich the nation and the world.

JOIN US!

There are many ways to get involved with Seattle CARES and the Our Best campaign:

- Become a mentor
- Volunteer at an upcoming event
- Donate funds
- Be there for our boys and men
- Visit www.seattlecaresmentoring.org for more ideas!



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PARTNERING FOR GREATER RESULTS

- Seattle CARES recruits mentors via events or community agency referral.
- Mentors are trained using evidence-based group mentoring models and Wellness Circles curriculum.
- Screened, trained mentors are referred to local agencies who match them with young black males in existing mentoring programs.
- Local mentoring agencies enroll adults already in their mentoring pools into CARES' mentor training program.



OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY OF SEATTLE

Seattle's Department of Education and Early Learning fully supports the launch of the Our Best initiative. Seattle CARES was asked by city officials to act as intermediary with mentoring and community-based organizations, helping to get this robust new recruitment and training campaign underway. Thanks to the city's vision, leadership, commitment and collaborative strategies, together we can attain what's never been achieved in Seattle before: Dismantling racial disparities, removing barriers to equality, and transforming systems that adversely affect our most marginalized communities.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS!

Seattle CARES Mentoring Movement is proud to partner with the City of Seattle and other mentoring organizations.



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