

## MISSION

The mission of Seattle Cares Mentoring Movement is to secure and transform the lives of Black children by inspiring, recruiting, and mobilizing masses of caring Black men and women to mentor and nourish them.

## BECOME A MENTOR

Three million Black youth have mentors nationwide, but 15 million more are in need.

Research shows that Black youth do better with group mentoring than traditional one-on-one models—and group mentoring helps spread the opportunity for more youth to be involved.

A few hours of your time being a group mentor can make a lifelong impact on a Black child growing up today.



## RESULT

Mentoring is a low-cost, high-yield solution to a growing crisis.

When young people are mentored well:

- 98 % stay in school
- 98 % do not become teen parents
- 85 % do not use drugs
- 98 % avoid gang participation

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## The Rising

Elevating Education,  
Expectations, and  
Self Esteem

JOIN THE MOVEMENT



## THE CRISIS

### THESE ARE THE FACTS:

- 40 percent of all Black children in the U.S.A are born into poverty
- 86 percent of Black children do not read or do math at grade level
- Black children are suspended from school five times more often than White children—starting in kindergarten
- Black children are arrested for minor infractions
- Our girls ages 13 to 24 account for the majority of new HIV infections
- Suicide rates have doubled for Black children, whose traumas are rarely addressed
- Homicide is the leading cause of death for Black boys

Persistent poverty—a vestige of 300 years of enslavement, Jim Crow practices and discrimination—is destroying the lives of millions of African American children. Decades of discriminatory public policies and criminalizing sentencing have caused devastating rates of over-incarceration, tearing families and communities asunder, sweeping parents and their incomes away from their children, destroying communities and shattering young people's hopes and dreams.

## A SOLUTION

Building clusters of supported schools and parents creates a community transformed.

We can ensure that children in poverty override the barriers to sustainability and become contributors to their family and community. Together we can elevate children who, otherwise, have little chance of thriving.

### Seattle CARES

partners with schools and communities

### Community Thought Leaders

offer guidance and wisdom

### Government Agencies & Foundations

invest in programming that supports our children

### Faith Leaders

engage mentors to receive CARE training

### Fraternities

receive training to become mentors to local youth

## THE RISING

An innovative, curriculum-based group-mentoring initiative, *The Rising* advances students in under-resourced families and high schools, instilling the determination and critical-thinking skills needed to avoid painful, predictable futures. *The Rising* helps heal traumas from unrelenting violence and often hunger, homelessness, neglect and hopelessness.

*The Rising* unearths a deep sense of self-worth, confidence and hope for the future, recognized as predictors of students' success. The whole-school, group-mentoring model is designed to transform school climate and ensure that our young have the support needed to graduate prepared to succeed in their careers and life.

*The Rising's* highly interactive curriculum is culturally anchored. Students meet weekly at school in single-gender Wellness Mentoring Circles, and monthly in larger whole-school assemblies. Programming is facilitated by CARES-trained mentors and professionals. Community partners offer wrap-around services to children and their families.

*The Rising* offers lifelines to safe harbor and stability to Seattle's struggling children and their parents.

