### Youth Summit Series

# RISE SUMMIT

### **GROWING UP MALE** WHAT BOYS, MEN & FATHERS NEED TO THRIVE

### Friday, November 19th, 2021 • 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Sunrise Civic Center** 10610 West Oakland Park Blvd. Sunrise, FL 33351





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RISE UP SUMMIT-GROWING UP MALE WHAT BOYS, MEN & FATHERS NEED TO THRIVE

In recognition and celebration of International Men's Day, The Fathers, Men & Boys Action Committee of the Broward County Children Strategic Plan Presents The RISE UP Summit.

The theme of this year's summit is Growing Up Male: What Boys, Men & Fathers Need to Thrive.

This event is the first in a year-long series of community events sponsored by the Children's Services Council (CSC) of Broward County that will celebrate its 20th Anniversary.

The hybrid (in-person and virtual) event provides a great opportunity to participate in a global conversation about manhood, masculinity, and men's issues. It's also a way to engage in solution-driven, interactive, high-powered sessions that challenge attendees to identify actionable strategies that impact the overall strength of our families, communities, and nation.

The event brings together Youth Representatives from area schools, Community Stakeholders, Parents and Caregivers, Grandparents, Mentors, Coaches, and Champions working in the field addressing the issues and challenges facing fathers, men, and boys.







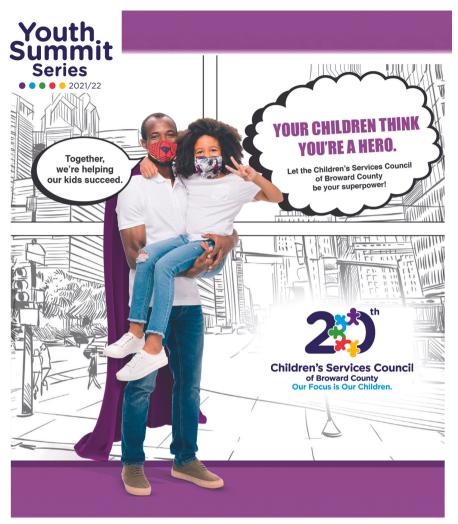








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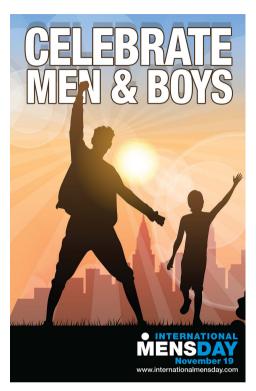
And in these times of change and challenges, you are even more of a hero!

The Children's Services Council is a proud supporter of the work of the Father's, Men, and Boys Action Committee and is the backbone of the Broward Children's Strategic Plan.

Working collaboratively to ensure all children in Broward have the opportunity to thrive and grow into responsible, productive adults.

### **INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY**

#### November 19th, 2021



Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh, founder of International Men's Day, from Trinidad & Tobago, said, "International Men's Day has the potential to become the global medium to heal our world. The concept and themes of International Men's Day are designed to give hope to the depressed, faith to the lonely, comfort to the broken-hearted, transcend barriers, eliminate stereotypes and create a more caring humanity.

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE EVERYWHERE OF GOODWILL TO APPRECIATE AND CELEBRATE THE MEN IN THEIR LIVES AND THE CONTRIBUTION THEY MAKE TO SOCIETY FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF ALL.

MANHOOD IS THE FOUNDATION FOR FATHERHOOD. GOOD MEN MAKE GOOD FATHERS. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ARE THE BENEFACTORS.

"No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." -ABRAHAM LINCOLN Each year, on November 19th, over 80 countries around the world celebrate International Men's Day which highlights the positive value men bring to the world, their families, and communities. Events on this day focus on encouraging men to teach the boys in their lives the values, character, and responsibilities of being a man while shining the spotlight on positive role models and raising awareness of men's well-being.

#### OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

THE 6 PILLARS OF INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

1

#### To promote positive male role models;

not just movie stars and sportsmen but everyday, working-class men who are living decent, honest lives.

2

#### To celebrate men's positive contributions

to society, community, family, marriage, child care, and to the environment.

3

#### To focus on men's health and wellbeing:

social, emotional, physical and spiritual.

#### 4

To highlight discrimination against men

in areas of social services, social attitudes and expectations, and law.

#### 5

To improve gender relations and promote gender equality in society.

#### 6

#### To create a safer, better world

where people can be safe and grow to reach their full potential..

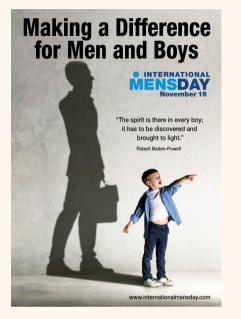
We also encourage people to post info about the day on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram using hashtags like:

#internationalmensday

#celebratemen #menshealth

#stopmalesuicide #thankamantoday

# • INTERNATIONAL MENSDAY November 19



### **BETTER HEALTH** FOR MEN & BOYS



www.internationalmensday.com

### **POSITIVE MALE ROLE MODELS**

When Men and Women stand together for Justice... We all Win. Bernie Sanders



### FATHERS, MEN AND BOYS ACTION COMMITTEE OUR MISSION AND VISION

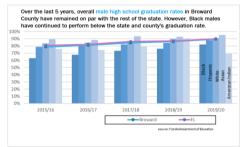
The vision of the Fathers, Men & Boys Action Committee is to "Cultivate a healthy ecosystem that supports boys, men, and fathers by training and equipping them with the knowledge, skills, resources, experiences, and exposures that reinforce their development." We seek to address the persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color which impacts their future roles as men and fathers.

Arlene Connelly -Drummond, Committee Visionary

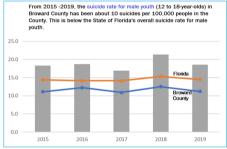
### **TURN THE CURVE REPORT**

Population Result: Fathers, men and boys will be thriving, healthy, and live in safe, supportive and holistic communities.

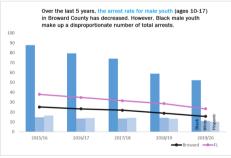
#### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



#### MALE SUICIDE







#### STORY BEHIND THE DATA

- Black males graduate from high school at significantly lower rates and this hinders their access to jobs that pay a living wage.
- Black males do not access mental health services because they don't have the access/can't afford
- The criminal background of some males is in many cases blocking access to higher-wage jobs.
- Lack of access to healthy food and adults living below the poverty level
- Lack of access to culturally responsive mental health services
- Higher percentages of Black and Hispanic males arrested in Broward
- Alternative high schools are overpopulated with black males

#### DATA DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

- Health: percentage of black males who access mental health services
- Mental Health: percentage of black males who do not access mental health services because they don't have the access/can't afford
- Unemployment Data (Youth and Adults disaggregated by race/ethnicity, gender)
- Poverty data (Youth and Adults disaggregated by race/ethnicity, gender)
- Arrest Data (Adults disaggregated by race/ethnicity, gender)

#### PARTNERS

#### Actual

- Art-Turnative for Building Communities
- Broward County Schools
- CYSSON Enterprises, Inc.
- Children's Services Council of Broward
- Community-Based Connections, Inc.
- EMYLL Educating Men and Youth How to Lead & Live
- HANDY, Inc.
- ISEE Group, LLC
- Kids in Distress
- Men2Boys
- Richard Pollack
- Tavaris Washington
- YMCA Young Men Christian Association

#### **BEST IDEAS - WHAT WORKS**

#### **Financial Strengthening Initiatives**

- Financial [Urban League, Hispanic Unity Center for Working Families, Prosperity] How to manage money, managing your money - Budgeting, Building Generational Wealth
- Expansion of programs on home buying, how to build your credit
- Financial Week; Family week; mentor week
- Stocks/Investments Simulations
- Development of an Investment Club
- Entrepreneurship

**Expanding Mentoring Opportunities** 

Community Rights of Passage Program for boys & young men Father's, Men, and Boys day out in the community

Men's Wellness Campaign- Physical, mental, emotional well-being

#### ACTION STEPS

- Partner with ISEE group, LLC to host a fathers, men & boys conference on November 19th, 2021 in celebration of international men's day.
- Conduct a community assessment of resources for fathers, men & boys
- Create a plan for expanding mentoring programs that focus on providing students with the tools needed to
  graduate high school and connect them with opportunities after graduation.
- Partner with local non-profits to host an employment fair for returning citizens.
- Partner with local non-profits, community-based organizations to build community awareness on mental health resources available.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Hosted Virtual Fathers, Men & Boys Community Forum, 2020

#### Potential

- Broward Sheriff's Office
- Broward College
- Career Source Broward
- Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- OIC of South Florida
- South Florida Black Professionals Network
- Local Professional Sports Teams: Miami Heat & Miami Dolphins
- 100 Black Men
- Fraternities Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, etc.
- Westside Gazette





### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** DR. ALAN-MICHAEL S. GRAVES

### THE DECRIMINALIZING OF MALENESS, MASCULINITY & MANHOOD

What is Healthy Masculinity?



Dr. Alan-Michael S. Graves serves as the Senior Director of Teaching, Capacity Building, and Systems Change with the Good Plus Foundation where he focuses on a broad range of multidisciplinary activities, from research and program development to training and advocacy for policy change. Currently leading a National Initiative on policy change through training social workers on Fatherhood Engagement, Dr. Graves has worked in the human services field, with extensive experience as a facilitator and administrator, for both public and private agencies, for the past 18 years.

Dr. Graves has brought these diverse perspectives to his work helping agencies develop, implement and evaluate interagency systems of care, family partnerships, and community programming. With a doctorate in Educational Leadership, Dr. Graves utilizes his knowledge and experience to strategically and positively impact the lives of children, families, and communities.

#### Proud Sponsor



The Black Administrators in Child Welfare, Inc. (BACW) is an advocacy, membership, research, training and technical assistance organization. The organization supports communities that are serving all children, with special attention given to those communities with a demonstrated interest in helping minority children.





#### PRE EVENT EXPERIENCE

Continental Breakfast + Check In (Lobby & Grand Ballroom)

#### OPENING CEREMONY

National Anthem - Athalia Eugene Color Guard - Nova High School | Jiele Carimbocas; Christian Rodriguez-Strupler; Korbin Gentles, Chris-Eliel Maurice

#### WELCOME

Fathers, Men & Boys Action Committee Arlene Connelly-Drummond, CEO - ISEE Group, LLC & Committee Chair Mikelange Olbel, CEO - Community-Based Connections, Inc. & Committee Co-Chair

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President - Children's Services Council of Broward County)

#### PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION

City of Sunrise Deputy Mayor| Jacqueline A. Guzman City of Lauderhill Commissioner | Melissa P. Dunn

#### RHYTHMS IN CONVERSATION

Building Unity Through Music

Willie Stewart - Motivational, Musical Educator

#### IN YOUR FACE: CAN YOU HEAR ME, DO YOU SEE ME, I AM HERE!

Moderator: Pete A. Kennedy (Moderator) Forum Speakers: Guy Wheeler, Courtney Plummer; Cameron Canton, Easton Harrison

#### CIRCLE OF MANHOOD: BOYS, MEN & FATHERS What Is Needed For Positive Male Development

Moderator: Dr. Adrian Carter Panel Speakers: Richard "Coach" Dunn, Sr., Antonio Burgess, Dr. Gregory A. Salters, Lawrence Barbot

#### INTERMISSION + LUNCH - GRAND BALLROOM

#### GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY CHAMPION RECOGNITION

Grassroots Organization Impact Recognition Presented by - Dr. Allan Cunningham

> Youth Recognition Award-Presentation by Torian Bean 5000 Role Models of Excellence Youth

Leader Recognition Award Presentation by Mikelange "Mike"Olbel





#### PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION

Broward County Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness

#### VIDEO PRESENTATION

The Mask You Live In - Trailer Video Introduced

#### VIDEO DISCUSSION

Arlene Connelly-Drummond, CEO - ISEE Group, LLC.

#### INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Keith D. Bostick, Deputy Director, Broward County Human Services Department

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATION**

#### The Decriminalizing Of Maleness, Masculinity & Manhood -

What Is Healthy Masculinity?

Dr. Alan-Michael Graves (Senior Director of Teaching, Capacity Building, and Systems Change - Good Plus Foundation)

#### TRANSITION - CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH

Break All attendees participate

#### FATHER FACTOR

Men Challenge & Triumph in Fatherhood Panel Speakers - Clay Robinson, James Boyd and Rodney Womble

#### DATA DRIVEN DECISION - TURN THE CURVE REPORT

Lorenzo Benaine, Ph.D. Research & Evaluation Manager, Children's Service Council of Broward County

#### INNOVATION INCUBATOR

Stimulating a rich diversity of inputs to drive solution focused action Moderators: John Moreno-Escobar & Darrel Cunningham

#### CLOSING SESSION CALL TO ACTION!

Arlene Connelly- Drummond, Dr. Keisha Grey & Mike Olbel



#### CINDY ARENBERG SELTZER President - Children's Services Council of Broward County



The first President/CEO of the Children's Services Council of Broward County. She has carefully guided the development of the organization, which was created by the voters of Broward County in September, 2000, and reauthorized by the voters in 2014. She works to transform young lives through a focus on supporting proven programs delivered by more than 100 "provider" agencies that achieve measurable outcomes while ensuring transparency and accountability to the taxpayers of Broward County. She serves on several boards of directors, including the Early Learning Coalition, the Coordinating Council of Broward, the Children and Families Leadership Association, the Children's Movement of Florida, the Florida Afterschool Network, the Pediatric Angel Foundation, and the Harvard Kennedy School's Taubman Center for State and Local Government Advisory Board. She also hosts the local television show, "Future First: Focus on Broward's Children."

In addition to her official duties, Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer can often be found working in Broward's neighborhoods to raise money for its children. For example, she participated in the first season of Dancing with the Stars for the Pantry of Broward, she participated in Singing with the Stars to benefit Neighbors 4 Neighbors, she worked the counter at McDonald's to raise money to fight Sickle Cell, and she was a Celebrity Chef for FLIPANY. Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer has a BA in Psychology from the University of California at Irvine, a JD from Georgetown University Law Center, and an MPA from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

#### ARLENE CONNELLY-DRUMMOND Founder & CEO, ISEE Group, LLC & Chair of the Fathers, Men & Boys Action Committee

ISEE Group, LLC is a Human Development Company whose mission is: "Restoring the Vision for Vibrant Relationships, Thriving Families & Stronger Communities." The company provides Consultation, Training, Coaching and Transformational Events & Experiences focused on Igniting in Individuals the Spirit to Excel in Excellence. Arlene Connelly-Drumond is a Life Enrichment Strategist and Servant Leader who has dedicated over 30 years to Human Services providing executive leadership, management, supervisory and administrative experiences in non-profit and higher education serving adults, at-risk youth, and underserved populations. She is actively involved in numerous community-building efforts.

She is a Certified John Maxwell Speaker/Trainer & Coach; Organizational and Leadership Development Professional; Life Enrichment Strategist; Healthy Relationships and Family Strengthening Coach; Career & Positive Youth Development Specialist, a Certified Global Career Development Facilitator. The author of the compelling book: "Let Your Daddy Lift You Up- Healing Daddy Issues to Build Healthy Relationships" is a testimony of how she has risen amid trauma, adversity, and challenge; to transform Pain into Triumph and Adversity into Opportunity.



To learn more visit - ALCSpeaks.com or ISEEGroupIIc.com

#### MIKELANGE OLBEL

#### CEO, Community-Based Connections, Inc. Co-Chair, the Fathers, Men & Boys Action Committee



Mikelange "Mike" Olbel is a native of Pompano Beach, Florida, and the youngest of five sons whose parents migrated from Haiti to the United States in search of opportunities and a better quality of life. Motivated by his parents' strength, Mike sought to break the cycle of poverty and crime that plagued his family, committing to the promise of education as the surest path to a life of success and purpose.

As a not-for-profit CEO and Entrepreneur, Mike has grabbed the attention of leaders across Florida and the United States. Today, Mike's charity organization gives back \$2.3 million in education support, mental health, and family preservation and serves over 1000 families. Mike has been celebrated in the media as an innovative and passionate leader. Recently, Mike was celebrated by Legacy Magazine in partnership with Sun-Sentinel Newspaper as one of South Florida's "Most Powerful and Influential Business Leaders" of 2021.



#### **MODERATOR - PETE KENNEDY**

#### A seasoned leader, businessman, best-selling author, and proud Jamaican native

Pete Kennedy exemplifies what it means to be a true man of character. Throughout his journey, Pete has studied and applied the power of leadership and emotional intelligence along with the importance of vision and purpose. Pete used his 15 years of diverse leadership in various industries to found E.M.Y.L.L., which stands for Educating Men & Youth How to Lead & Live, with a focus on the personal and professional development of individuals of all ages and business workshops. Pete adds value to others by helping individuals discover their true identity using his leadership models and his well-known MUST, SHOULD, COULD methodology. Most recently he released his international best-selling book, 'When A Man Loves - A Lifestyle & Leadership Most Mayor and Commissioner proclaimed June 20th as Pete A. Kennedy Day in Broward County going forward from the year 2021.



#### CAMERON CANTON

**Community Health Worker** 



Cameron was born in Haiti, but grew up in the great city of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Raised by a single mother, he went to Fort Lauderdale High school and later went to Florida State University where he acquired a degree in Psychology with a concentration in Neuroscience. Originally, he aspired to become a physician, but with the recent developments in the world he has found his passions shifting to Healthcare Administration and Leadership.

Currently, Cameron serves as a Community Health Worker with the Broward Community and Family Health Center (BCOM). In addition, Cameron is a part of the Healthcare MBA program at Florida International University. He is also a Youth Leader at Christian Life Center Church and the President of Rich and Rare, LLC. As man who wears many hats, Cameron believes that it isn't about the title, but what you do with it that matters. As iron sharpens iron, so does one man sharpen another.

Growing up, he didn't have a father to look up to. Yet, throughout his life God has surrounded him with men who raised him up to be the man God has called him to be. Cameron admits he is not perfect and has made mistakes, however, he has come to understand that a Man's burden is not to be perfect, but to learn from those past mistakes in order to pave a way for the next generation. The fall isn't for you, but to help you pick up the next man as you continue to climb. "With everything going on in the world (COVID-19, Police Brutality, Racism, etc.) we need unity now more than ever." This is why Cameron is so thankful to participate in the RISE UP Summit in celebration of International Men's Day.

### EASTON K. HARRISON

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AND ACTIVIST

Easton K. Harrison, born and raised in Broward County Florida, is a community organizer and activist. He is currently the community licison for the Old Dillard Museum located in historic Sistrunk, Fort Lauderdale. As a strong believer in social justice, Easton has worked around issues such as racial equity, civic engagement, and youth advocacy. Mr. Harrison currently serves as the 2nd Vice President of the Florida Democratic Black Caucus. In this capacity, Easton is tasked with increasing the political power of Black people throughout the state of Florida.

Easton is also the founder of 'GEL Community', a local non-profit which has the purpose to increase Civic Engagement, Advocacy, and Economic Empowerment in low-income and urban communities. Easton's main goal is to empower the community through advocacy and improving the quality of life for the everyday people in underserved areas.



Mr. Guy Wheeler is a national/international expert in the area of treatment, consulting, and training with a strong focus on criminal behavior, substance abuse, mental health, athletes, and National/international expert in now, entertainers. He Co-authored THREE cultural curriculums (promise practice) called Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy (H.E.A.T) that's sweeping the country. These manuals for Adults (18-29), Juveniles (12-17), and Black females address clinical treatment issues that are culturally relevant for people of color. These intervention manuals are one of the first of its kind in America. H.E.A.T has been scientifically tested by Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration (SAMHA) and Bureau Justice Administration (BJA). The HEAT curriculum recently appeared internationally/nationally on the front page of SAMSHA magazine. In August, Guy was inducted into the nationwide Drug Court Hall of Fame.

Guy decided that working with athletes/entertainers was also one of his ambitions in life. In 2018, he consulted with the top Rapper in the world. For the last FOUR years, Guy consulted with the National Basketball Players Association (NBA) and worked two years at the NBA rookie Camps.

Guy has three training videos that are sold around the country. His popular video "Absent Father," was so powerful the White House invited him to dialog and participate in the Fatherhood Initiative Program. He has been featured on national TV, radio, and at major conferences for his work in the field of social work. With the current civil protest, his services are in demand.

#### **GUY WHEELER**

the area of Treatment, Consulting, and Training





#### MODERATOR- DR. ADRIAN CARTER **Conflict Resolution Practitioner**

As a Conflict Resolution Practitioner, Dr. Carter is a trained mediator, facilitator, and executive conflict coach. Dr. Carter is the author of the must-have leadership development book. Emerging as the Right Person in the Right Place at the Right Time: Leadership in the 21st Century Using the Ellison Model, Additionally, Adrian is the author of a powerful book on love, marriage, and relationships titled Let's Get Married & Do Everything Except Make It Last: A Heart-to-Heart with Men on Loving and Leading. The book challenges social norms and gender roles for the betterment of romantic and interpersonal relationships. Dr. Carter is the founder of the EmpowerMEN Conference, a male empowerment initiative focused on conflict resolution, leadership development, and redefining the identity of men in the 21st century. Dr. Carter teaches interpersonal and organizational leadership in a way that resolves conflict by bridging the gap between persons and organizations using a multifaceted leadership development tool known as The Ellison Model.

RICHARD K. DUNN, SR. is the founder of Men2Boys Mentoring Program, a Non-Profit 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Organization. Men2Boys has been operating in Broward County, Florida, since April 2010. Their mission is to provide adult male Mentoring (i.e. Group Mentoring and "Teen Coaching") to boys and young males in our community and the surrounding area to encourage, empower, and equip, to educate, energize and elevate young males to make responsible choices, smart decisions, recognize their passions, and discover their purpose.

Like the boys and young males in our Program, Richard grew up in a similar situation as most of them: single-parent mothers, four siblings, low-income housing. His purpose is to inspire a program that provides a generation of boys and young males with information, influence, advice, and guidance through mentoring discussions, workshops, seminars, conferences, events, and activities. Men2Boys Mentoring provides adult male mentoring for young males, most of whom are facing a turbulent transition to manhood. The program offers a positive support system to help young males avoid the pitfalls that will derail their lives and, in many cases, destroy their futures.

#### RICHARD K. DUNN, SR. Founder & CEO of Men2Boys Mentoring



Antonio Burgess is a graduate of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University with a bachelor's ANTONIO BURGESS degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Education. Currently, pursuing a doctorate in Educational Leadership. Antonio has 10 years of experience working for Broward County Public Initiatives and The 5000 Role Schools in many different capacities, which include, classroom teacher, department head, Models of Excellence Project Instructional Coach who provides academic and behavior support to schools within Broward County Public Schools, and currently the District Coordinator for Mentoring Initiatives and The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

**District Coordinator for Mentoring** 



Additionally, Mr. Burgess has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Mr. Burgess is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, where he serves as the mentoring program chairman, a position he has held for over six years providing leadership, mentoring, and support to over fifty male students and their families. His civic and career contributions have been recognized by Legacy Magazine as a 2016 40 under 40 Black Leaders of Today and Tomorrow. Alpha Kappa Alpha Father Figure Award, Eta Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Founders Award, Broward Alliance of Black School Educators 2020 Leadership Award, 2020 Alpha Kappa Alpha Chi Si Omega Community Award, 2020 Omega Psi Phi Eta Nu Chapter Omega Man of the Year Award.

Most recently, Mr. Burgess was selected to participate in the Education Class 6 of Leadership Florida; a statewide leadership program for progressive leaders in Florida. In his free time, Mr. Burgess enjoys fishing, tailgating, working in the community, and hanging with friends and family. Mr. Burgess believes It is easier to raise young children than to repair broken adults (inspired by Frederick Douglas).

#### DR. GREGORY A. SALTERS

#### **Retired Law Enforcement** Officer



Dr. Gregory A. Salters recently retired from the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department. He served for over 28 years in various capacities; concluding his career as an Interim Assistant Police Chief/Chief's Executive Officer. He is the Founder/Managing Partner of The S.A.L.T. Mine Success and Leadership Training Institute LLC. He is also the Director of Campus Safety and Emergency Management at Florida Memorial University.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, his master's degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University and his Doctorate degree in Adult Education/Human Resource Development from Florida International University. His dissertation explored the impact of racial profiling on Black males seeking jobs in law enforcement and committing to law enforcement careers. Dr. Salters is a certified John C. Maxwell Speaker, Coach, and Trainer.

Dr. Salters' training has included the following: The Center for Advanced Criminal Justice Studies, Executive Leadership Program; the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF)- The Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP), Session 34; and the FBI National Academy (Session 240). Dr. Salters also prepares individuals for employment and promotional processes.

Dr. Salters is active in the community. He has served as the Chairman of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Zeta Alpha Lambda Chapter's Men of Tomorrow mentoring program. In 2014, he was recognized as Zeta Alpha Lambda's Brother of the Year. He was also recognized as Broward County School Board's "Mentor of the Year" for the 2014 - 2015 school year. He also serves as Senior Deacon of Tom Raines Lodge #484 F&AM PHA and is a member of Prince Hall Shriners SABA Temple #186.

#### LAWRENCE BARBOT Youth Leader



Lawrence Barbot is a senior at Nova High School and is the Vice President of Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders Club at his school.

#### CORTNEY PLUMMER Influencer, Speaker

Cortney Plummer, a current college student also runs a podcasting company called play4keeps.

### JAMES M. BOYD

#### Minister, Educator, Father, Mentor

James M. Boyd has been living in Florida for 16 years. Prior to living in South Florida, he served as the Sr. Pastor at Portland Metro Assembly of God in Portland, Oregon, as well as the youth Pastor at Life Change Church. While in Florida he has served as an associate pastor at Trinity Church, Miami, where he was given leadership of the senior citizen ministry, youth ministry, along with working alongside the children's ministry pastor.



James was hired at OIC of South Florida in 2011 where he has served in the capacity of Youth Educator, Mentor and Liaison to Miami Dade College; he has also been in the construction manager and is currently the community liaison and community partner recruiter. James has also worked as a professor in the Henry B Fernandez Institute of Biblical Studies, at the University of Fort Lauderdale, for more than 7 years and has seen hundreds pass though his School of The Prophets course. James has been married for more than 40 years, raised 4 children, has 10 grandchildren and has been a foster parent. He has also been a mentor to many. Education & Credentials: BA, Northwest University 1991; Masters of Postoral Counselina, University of Fort Lauderdale 2013.

#### CLAY ROBINSON

President/Founder R&R Domestic Services, Inc.



Clay Robinson is a Domestic Violence Instructor and Anger Management Specialist with over twenty years of experience in the mental health and counseling field. He specializes in providing training, seminars, and counseling in the areas of domestic violence, anger management, family crisis prevention, and relationship enhancement.

Clay provides services to numerous community organizations including the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Broward Sheriff Department Child Protective Services, and Women In Distress. He has also provided services to Chrysler Corporation and the United States Coast Guard.

Clay currently serves as President of R&R Domestic Services, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing violence prevention education. He is the co-founder of the Crusade Against Anger®, a movement bringing awareness to the destruction of families and communities due to anger; author of the Family Education and Safety Training (F.E.A.S.T.) Program, and co-author of the Stan Clan, a children's book series dedicated to teaching children about acceptance, bullying, and anger. He is also the former owner and CEO of Choice Living, Inc., a supported living and skill-building facility for mentally ill adults.

Clay's favorite pastime/hobby is golf.

#### **RODNEY WOMBLE** FATHER, MENTOR, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Rodney Womble is a father of three, minster, college student working on a BA In Religion and Philosophy and works in the church and community.

Rodney is a dedicated Mentor in the Community-Based Connections, Inc. Awesome Dads Awesome Men (A.D.A.M.) Fatherhood Mentoring Program where he shares his experiences, wisdom, and encouragement to support fathers' development & growth.

In September of 2021, he was awarded "The Man of Distinction Award" at the First Class Fathers event hosted by Community-Based Connections, Inc.





#### DR. ALLAN G. CUNNINGHAM

#### Founder and 1st President of the Jamaican Men of Florida

Dr. Allan G. Cunningham was Born and raised in Rose Town, Kingston, Jamaica. As a proud past student of Camperdown High School, he has contributed to the Alumni association, serving as Vice President, and President of the Florida Chapter for 8 years.

Dr. Cunningham is also a Board member of the Parent Community Task Force of the Broward County School Board and the Founder and 1st President of the Jamaican Men of Florida. He is a member of the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council representing the 13 Southern States. In this capacity, he serves as a consultant to the Government of Jamaica through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. He was selected to serve as the Chair of the Global Jamaica Prosperity team by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

Dr. Cunningham is also the founder of the Jamaica Diaspora Southern USA and has served on the board of the Coalition of Alumni Associations In South Florida for the past 16 years. His love of community and people led to the creation and development of the People Profile Awards. The pinnacle award ceremony in South Florida, the People Profile Awards, recognizes ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

January 5th, 2018, was declared "Dr. Allan Cunningham Day" by the Board of County Commission of Broward County. Dr. Cunningham was recognized by the City of Lauderhill as a Jamaican Trailblazer for his contributions in the diaspora. He is an associate Professor/Lecturer and practitioner in the field of International Business and has lectured at the Undergraduate and Graduate levels at several South Florida Universities. He has built a reputation of achieving exceptional results as an International Trade Consultant, Between 2008/2012, Dr. Cunningham served with Green Wealth International as their Senior International Business Consultant and Global Strategic Analyst. His academic achievements includes a Doctorate in International Business.



#### WILLIE STEWART

Chairman/Co-Founder of Embrace Music Foundation was the principal drummer and percussionist for the international supergroup Third World, the reggae ambassadors of Jamaica



With an illustrious career spanning 23 years as a principal drummer and percussionist, Willie coproduced 13 albums, 5 of which received Grammy nominations. He has received world acclaim as the recipient of the NAACP Image Award, The Diamond Award and the United Nations Peace Medal. He received the African American Achievers Award Nomination (2009) and the Knight Arts Challenge Award (2010). Known for excellent collaborative skills and musical genius, Willie was a recipient of the Jamaica Diaspora Honors 2012, in the category of "Vanguard Award for Significant Contribution to Culture and Entertainment Art," presented by the Consulate General of Jamaica, Miami. ICABA saluted Willie Stewart as one of the 2012 South Florida "100 Most Accomplished Caribbean Americans." He was also featured in the August 2012 issue of Modern Drummer Magazine.

Conscious of his social responsibility, Willie gives back to the community in ways that amplify the development of children and families. He continues to build his musical legacy in ways that restore, preserve, and fortify the impact of music - education, appreciation, and performance - on school culture and within communities. His signature Rhythms of Africa concerts play to wide acclaim as he takes his message worldwide.

Keith d. Bostick is a proven executive leader driven to improve outcomes for children, adults, families, communities, and the systems that support them.

In his current role as Deputy Director of Broward County Human Services, Keith is responsible for the leadership and administration of multi-dimensional programs associated with innovative and integrated BROWARD COUNTY HUMAN health and social services in Broward County, including oversight of 660 staff and a \$166 million budget SERVICES DEPARTMENT serving nearly 2 million of Broward County's most vulnerable citizens. He is responsible for the following Broward County Divisions / Offices: • Crisis Intervention and Support (CISD) • Family Success Administration (FSAD) • Community Partnerships (CPD) • Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) • Elderly and Veterans Services (EVSD) • Equity and Community Investment (OECI) • Evaluation and Planning (OEP) • Administrative Services (OAS).

Keith recently served in Santa Cruz County, California as Director of Child Welfare Services and provided oversight and leadership to a dynamic and innovative human services jurisdiction working in partnership with California's Department of Social Services (CDSS). He also served the State of Georgia as the Deputy Division Director of Child Welfare where he oversaw child welfare operations in the field and at the state office, serving 14,000 children, 5000 staff with and a \$925 million budget. Keith's 37-year professional tenure includes serving as the Deputy Commissioner at Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), as the Director for the Office of Residential Child Care within Georgia's Department of Human Services, as Director with Casey family Programs (national operating foundation), and as a behavioral healthcare practitioner and leader. EDUCATION- Master of Social Work (MSW) University of Georgia Bachelor of Arts (BA): Child Development Morehouse College.

### KEITH BOSTIC

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF



#### DR. KEISHA GREY

Senior Strategy Manager for the Children's Services Council of Broward

Dr. Keisha Grey holds a doctorate in Adult Education and Human Resource Development and a Graduate Certificate in Conflict resolution from Florida International University. She is the Senior Strategy Manager for the Children's Services Council of Broward. As Senior Strategy Manager, she leads the agency's community collaboration initiatives providing guidance and support to the Broward Children's Strategic Plan (CSP). The Broward Children's Strategic Plan is Broward County's collective action initiative that creates a space for community stakeholders to collaborate and make data-driven decisions to help improve children and their families' lives. It includes over 40 committees. The Fathers, Men, and Boys Action committee is one of the newest committees of the CSP.

Recently, Dr. Grey co-authored the seminal "2018 Status of Girls and Young Women in Broward County" report. Dr. Grey is the recipient of several awards for her efforts in creating better lives for children and families in Broward County through activism and volunteerism, positively impacting others in the city and the broader community over the years. Dr. Grey serves on several committees in her community. When she is not helping build a better Broward County, she can be found at a soccer game, reading, or traveling with her family.



#### MODERATOR- MORENO-ESCOBAR

Director of the Posse Foundation in Miami



John Moreno-Escobar is currently the Director of the Posse Foundation in Miami, a leading college success, leadership development, and diversity, equity, and inclusion program. He has established multiple social impact for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, always focusing on mobilizing, empowering, and elevating our most in-need communities in the United States. His focus has been program creation, fundraising, partnership development, and sales in multiple sectors: 1. Higher Education, 2. Start-ups 3. 501(c)3-(c)4. His largest gift was with CUNY (City University of New York) where he was able to secure a \$17M dollar gift and find a match for a total of \$34M that impacted millions of students and their families at CUNY.

John was the first appointed Latino to work at the City University of New York (the largest urban university in the US) as the Director of Urban Initiatives in the office of the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, and one of the only two Latinos to work for the Broward County superintendent of schools as the Director of strategic partnerships for the whole school system (5th largest in the country).

He serves on multiple boards: • President, PorColombia - Largest network of Colombian students and professionals in the US • Co-Chair Imagine Broward Council and Initiative of Broward Partnership for the Homeless • Advisory Board member, National Academy Foundation • Advisory Council member, The Children Movement of Florida • Chairman of the Hispanic Business Leaders Coalition.

#### MODERATOR-DARRELL CUNNINGHAM

#### DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP DIVISION FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Darrell Cunningham has over 16 years of experience in overseeing and directing a variety of social services programs. He is a results-driven servant leader who desires to improve the lives of residents and the community. The Community Partnerships Division is responsible for planning, coordinating, administering, and evaluating a comprehensive array of human service programs for children and adults including behavioral health, health care, HIV/AIDS, and homeless services with a total budget of over \$88 million.

Mr. Cunningham holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University. He resides in Tamarac, Florida with his wife April and they are the proud parents of two adult children: Natalie who resides in Charlotte, NC, and Xavier who attends Marshall University.



### **INFORMATION & RESOURCES**



The overarching goal of the Awesome Dads Awesome Men (A.D.A.M.) Fatherhood Mentoring Program is to unite families by engaging fathers in the family and their children's lives. The program empowers parents and strengthens family relationships by teaching effective parenting skills and providing individualized wrap-around case management services, screenings, assessments, and community referrals.

- The Fatherhood Mentoring Program utilizes the psycho-educational parenting group model. The model incorporates the 24/7 Dad's Curriculum AM and PM for fathers
- The Program utilizes the research evidence-based curriculum Effective Black Parenting for parenting training and The Nurturing Fathers Program

A.D.A.M. helps fathers improve their parenting and communication skills. The program provides weekly group sessions and a safe environment for fathers to exchange ideas, share stories, and discuss topics related to being dads. New, experienced, and single fathers have a platform to speak to each other, obtain help becoming better fathers, foster healthier relationships with their children, and develop successful co-parenting strategies.

Fathers are given the opportunity to strengthen their bond with their children at scheduled father /child group activities and provided with an array of wraparound services to address barriers that can hinder their ability to be fully present and engaged fathers.

After one year of active engagement in the program, a father can become a mentor and reach back to elevate another dad.

#### **Program Components:**

- Qualified Financial Support
   Financial Literacy Training
- Father/Child Bonding Skills
- Fatherhood Outings
  Case Management
- Family Building Activities
   Case Managemen
   Individual Session
- Healthy Co-parenting Relationships
- Weekly Group Mentoring Classes
- Employment Opportunity
  - Graduation at Completion

### Connections, Inc.

Community-Based Connections, Inc. (CBCI), founded upon over 20 years of expertise, delivers youth development, family strengthening, and community empowerment services to hard to serve populations in Broward County. Our mission is to expand the available options for helping children to be socially and academically successful despite the many challenges they face and regardless of the many negative influences around them.

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#### Restoring the Vision for Vibrant Relationships, Thriving Families & Stronger Communities

ISEE Group, LLC has launched an initiative Reclaiming the Fathers: Back into the Community, the Family and Relationships. We serve as a convener, a champion/advocate, and a service delivery entity to equip and position fathers to assume their responsibilities in the family. Our intent is to work with a collaborative network that is committed to the strengthening of our communities, families, and relationships.

One of our intentions is to host a series of forums/gatherings aimed at fostering community dialogue regarding strategies to repair the broken links which keep fathers out of alignment. We seek to create a safe place for dialogue and cultivate an environment conducive for healing, restoration, and renewal to begin.

Together we have an opportunity to further Strengthen the Network of Individuals, Groups, Organizations, and Initiatives that are Champions for Families!

- Host a Community Forum/Gathering
- Participate in Identifying Resources that Support Men & Fathers

• Support the Establishment of Safe Spaces - Convene Men to Foster Dialogue, Healthy Communication, Training, and Development

• Be Part of the Efforts to Foster Family Strengthening with a Focus on Male Development

ISEE Group, LLC. is a Human Development Company whose mission is, "Restoring the Vision for Vibrant Relationships, Thriving Families & Stronger Communities." We provide consultation, training, coaching, and transformational events & experiences focused on Igniting the Spirit to Excel in Excellence. We deliver our services through:

- One-on-one or Group Coaching Experiences
- Workshops, Retreats, Special Events
- Literature, Technology and Various Communication Platforms
   Visit www.iseegroupllc.com



Men2Boys is a male-only (single-gender) program responding to the growing number of young males that are being raised in fatherless homes. Many of these young males are falling through the cracks at school or are already entangled with the juvenile justice system.

We provide group mentoring for young males, most of who are facing a turbulent transition to manhood and we offer a positive support system to help them avoid the pitfalls that will derail their lives.

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### **BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** MENTORING ACROSS BROWARD PROGRAM



Mentoring Across Broward (MAB) is the Broward County Public Schools district-wide mentoring initiative. Its mission is to ensure that all students have access to a caring and supportive mentoring relationship that contributes to their academic, social-emotional, and leadership development. MAB utilizes a multitiered approach to leverage school and community-based mentoring resources to better serve the needs of students by providing mentoring opportunities for students/mentees to meet one-on-one and in small groups with mentors. Two examples of very successful district-wide mentoring programs are: 1) Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, a peer mentoring program that matches highly successful upperclassmen with academically struggling freshmen and sophomore students to provide them with support and guidance through mentoring, tutoring, and leadership development; and 2) 5000 Role Models of Excellence, whose mission is to intervene in the lives of at-risk minority male students in order to provide them with alternatives that will lead them away from lives of crime and violence. This is accomplished by placing students in supportive relationships with positive and successful men in their communities, educating them on the consequences of succumbing to societal pitfalls, and providing a program infrastructure that empowers adult community Role Models to assume responsibility for the academic and personal success of the young men in their care.

Call to Action: We need men who are ready and willing to commit to spending one hour a week in a school-based mentoring relationship with a male student in need of guidance, support, and nurturing. All potential mentors will receive training and strategies to assist them in developing positive relationships as they engage with the students.

For more information about mentoring in Broward County Public Schools Phone: 754-321-1564 Email: Mentoringacrossbroward@Browardschools.com





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