



“MENTOR A CHILD AND SAVE A LIFE”

HISTORY

The Atlanta CARES Mentoring Movement was launched in 2006 as the pilot affiliate of the National CARES Mentoring Movement founded by Susan L. Taylor, editor in chief emeritus of Essence Magazine. The organization was created in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, as an Essence CARES initiative. In the aftermath of Katrina, organizers recognized the multitudes of vulnerable youth who needed the love, guidance, and support of able and caring adults. Susan Taylor used her national media platform to call attention to the critical need for massive numbers of eligible Black men and women to mentor and develop our children in a compassionate and culturally relevant manner. The National CARES Mentoring Movement is the nation’s recognized leader in the recruitment, training and engagement of African American mentors, and the only organization in the U.S. providing holistic programming on a national scale to advance Black children, growing up in poverty.



MISSION & VISION

Our MISSION 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.



Our national volunteer affiliate network connects adults to local youth-serving organizations. Our national group-mentoring programs focus on the emotional, social and academic development of our children and the wellness of the adults who parent, care for and mentor them.

PROGRAMS

Programming for Children

Annual STEMfest Youth Conference

- Convenes over 350 middle & high school students at Georgia Tech
- Provides STEM workshops and networking activities for students
- Engages students in hands on STEM activities
- Offers STEM career explorations for students
- Fosters student interaction with STEM professionals
- Develops college going mindset among students
- Provides parent workshops on Preparing Your Child for College



Annual STEM EnRICH Summer Academy

- A five week ultimate camp experience for middle & high school students
- Hosted at Morehouse College
- Provides experiential learning and project based learning
- Facilitated in a non traditional school setting
- Offers opportunities for students to learn while having fun
- Schedules weekly field trips to expose students to new experiences
- Increases student interest and engagement in STEM



HBCU Rising

A three tiered Innovative literacy and STEM mentoring initiative

- Addresses under-representation of African Americans In scientific fields
- Prepares black & brown children to enter and succeed in STEM careers
- Includes 25 students from Morehouse, Spelman and Clark Atlanta University
- Who mentor and tutor over 350 elementary and middle school students
- At partner schools, M. Agnes Jones, Brown Middle School, and King Middle School
- College students support students in their science and math classes
- College students work alongside teachers to deliver STEM curriculum
- College students are mentored and coached by corporate volunteers
- Corporate volunteers prepare college students for success in their careers



Programming for Adults

Mentoring Outreach - Best Practices of Mentoring

- Mentors are recruited and trained on Best Practices of Mentoring
- Training addresses core needs of children
- Highlights developing a personal relationship with mentees
- Demonstrates ways to provide positive feedback to mentees
- Focuses on the development of the self-efficacy of mentees
- Shares approaches to enhance the character development of mentees
- Provides strategies to teach mentees decision making skills
- Reviews resources to assist with the academic achievement of mentees



University for Parents - A Workforce Development and Life Skills program

- Offers a year round three semester workforce readiness and healing initiative
- Helps under resourced parents to advance toward upward mobility
- Equips parents with skills & confidence to achieve familial stability & economic stability
- Follows a culturally anchored curriculum
- Offers free classes in parenting, career readiness, digital literacy, financial literacy, and others
- Offers Microsoft Certification class and Early learning Career Pathway Certification class
- Provides case management and wrap around services
- Supports parents' healing from trauma created by intergenerational poverty



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



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