

Services Offered

Transportation

- For Pre & Post natal doctor's appointments
- Job Interviews

Education

- GED
- FAFSA
- College applications

Employment

- Applications
- Professional clothing
- Mock interviews
- Workplace environment assessments

Community Outreach

- Group facilitation 'Circle'
- Speakers Bureau
- Community development collaborations
- Leadership development curriculum

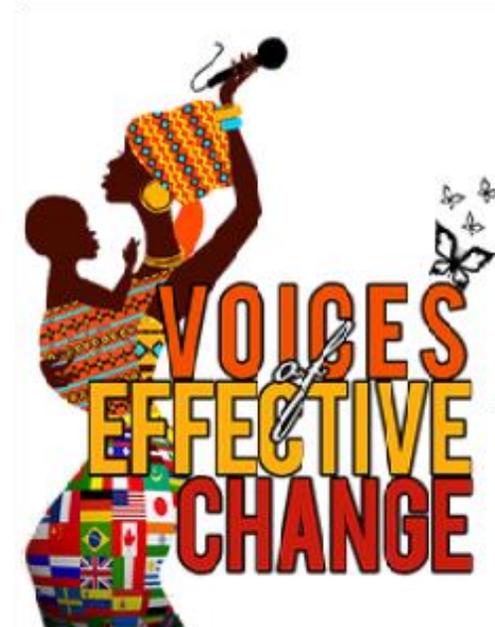
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"To send the effective voice to the masses and be a voice for teen parents and their parents using the tools of personal

empowerment and community development"

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Speakers Bureau



Aaron Abram Born and raised by a single teenage mother on the North side of Minneapolis, his advocacy for others began at a young age. With his mothers encouragement, he graduated from the

Afrocentric Educational Academy in 2000, and The Blake School in 2004. He received a B.A. in Political Science from Morehouse College and went on to receive his J.D. from Ohio Northern University's-Claude W. Pettit College of Law. In recognizing that life is not a journey that one takes alone, he continually acknowledges his faith, community, and family as the support system that gives him the strength to continue his life pursuits.



Larry McKenzie is a well-known basketball coach to win 4 state titles in the 102 year history of the Minnesota State Boys Basketball tournament. He uses basketball as a metaphor and tool to

develop a championship mindset in order to "Think like a winner and act like a champion!" He's the author of 'Basketball ...Much More Than Just A Game' & the host of a weekly radio program on the Christian Network. Recently, he's featured in a short documentary called "Within Inches"



Larry Smith is a true example that you can overcome your current circumstances to achieve great things. He grew up in the Englewood area of Chicago, IL, a crime-ridden neighborhood with gang violence, drugs, and poverty. With both parents addicted to crack, family life for Larry was quite

chaotic. He was unsupervised, uncared for, and went many nights without food. He was in and out of jail as a youth, but with faith, hard work and perseverance he managed to turn his life around. Larry attended the Minneapolis Community College where he earned a basketball scholarship to Bemidji State University. He graduated with a Criminal Justice degree and with a minor in Psychology. He uses his own life experiences to emphasize the building of positive relationships through individual & family counseling.



JAH Akeem Growing up break-dancing, rhyiming and drumming on lunch tables in the late 80's, he went on to become an accomplished Hip-Hop recording artist. He is an emcee/producer for hip-hop band Electronic Weapons and Flamesquad and is

accompanied by super DJ "Hotdam" and drummer "Sin Pacino"; together they bring raw high voltage infused hip-hop to youth all around the country. His digital arts multi-media production company works hard in developing the next design of music, video and multi-media content, pushing the barriers outside the box into new uncharted areas. As a member of the Speakers Bureau he gives the youth a means to help express themselves without turning to a life of crime, violence and drugs.



Paul Jones continues to live by his mission statement, *to improve as many lives as possible*. Raised by a single parent, Paul has become a sought after motivational speaker that has been honored with

the awards of "Most Inspiring Speaker", "Circle of Excellence" and "Entrepreneur of the Year". He's dedicated his life to educating people on life's various financial circumstances. Paul is the author of "Who Told You... You were Broke?", "Schedule for Success", "I Quit" and a DVD series of "What You & Your Kids Need to Know About Credit". His sales and training techniques revolutionized the industry, leading him to becoming a top ten producer for one of the fastest & largest growing sales team in a global company.



Melvin W. Carter III is the Director of the Office of Early Learning at the Minnesota Department of Education. Formally as a St. Paul City Council member, he architected the St. Paul's "Promise Neighborhood" educational initiative. An effort to improve student

achievement and ensure success for every child from birth to high school graduation. Melvin claims that he was brought up to love his community and that helping children was what you need to do. He's proof that the saying, "it takes a whole community to raise a child," is true. For his committed service to community, He received the 2011 Barbara Jordan Leadership Award & was recognized in Ebony Magazine's "30 Under 30" issue in 2008.

