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Partnering with Law Enforcement Officers to Lead with Mentoring Frameworks

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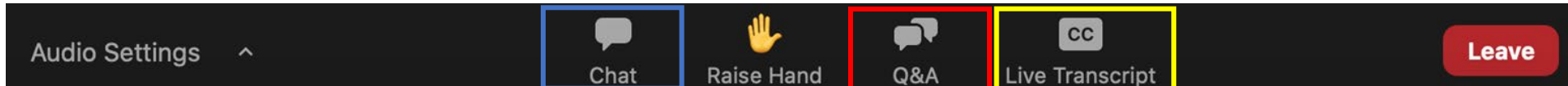
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National Mentoring Resource Center & Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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The NMRC builds on OJJDP's history, leadership, and investments in quality youth mentoring.



National Mentoring Resource Center Overview

Key Components:

- National Mentoring Resource Center Website

 - Practitioner Focused Blog

 - Grantee Dedicated Part of Site

 - Numerous Research Vetted Resources

 - Evidence Reviews on Programs, Models, and Populations

- Research Board

- Training and Technical Assistance!

 - No-Cost Assistance For Your Youth Mentoring Program



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Who's in the room?

Answer the poll!

What is your role in mentoring? (staff, mentor, program director, etc.)



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Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Overview of Youth/Police Mentoring Programs
- III. Panel presentation
- IV. Question & Answers



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Dar'tavous Dorsey



Dar'tavous Dorsey is the Associate Director of Strategic Engagement with the Crime Lab and Education Lab. Dar'tavous Dorsey is a lifelong Chicagoan. A product of Chicago Public Schools, studied Recreational Sports Tourism at U of I and Mental Health at Chicago State University.

Dar'tavous spent the last four years as a "West Region Supervisor" at Youth Guidance's Becoming A Man (BAM) program. Through weekly group sessions and the support of trauma-informed counselors, BAM provides leadership programming and mentorship to over 7,000 young men from under resourced communities in the Chicago area. Dar'tavous serves as a mentor to 26 young men and supervised eight trained BAM Counselors, who in turn serve hundreds of young men across nine high schools. Since joining BAM in the Summer of 2015, Dar'tavous has personally mentored more than 500 young men, working to support their social, emotional, and academic development through life skills, college, and career programs. Through his work with BAM, Dar'tavous observed a gap in the needs that were specific to young men of color.

As a result, Dar'tavous launched the EYE Lead Foundation in March of 2019. The EYE Lead Foundation seeks to fill that void for young men of color and expose them to excellence and provide them with leadership opportunities to change the narrative of their communities. EYE seeks to increase academic awareness, encourage post secondary & pathways, including the promotion of HBCUs, job readiness, address violence, and youth homelessness and hunger. Dar'tavous is a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc, and 100 Black Men of America-Chicago, Inc.



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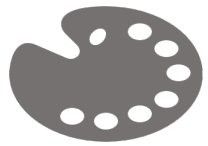
Overview of Youth/Police Mentoring Programs



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What are Youth/Police Mentoring Programs?

Police serve as mentors to youth in a variety of different types of mentoring and enrichment programs



Arts



Sports



**Individual
Mentoring**



**Group
Mentoring**



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Context of Youth/Police Relations

“Over the years, a number of studies have documented the strained relationship between law enforcement and youth, specifically youth who are (1) from urban environments, (2) from lower socio-economic areas, (3) male, and (4) a minority. These studies demonstrate that these youth may hold an implicit bias against police; moreover, they may demonstrate their perceptions of injustice and societal marginalization by acting disrespectful toward police. Similarly, studies found that police officers may hold unconscious biases against minority youth and make assumptions about young people based on their race, age, dress, and appearance”

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- In 2018, 1 in every 7 youth in the United States ages 16-17 had contact with a police officer.
- A 2021 study shows that exposure to police, even when not related to being detained or an arrest, can be detrimental for Black youth, particularly males.
- This racial disparity within the juvenile justice system, as well as recent high profile cases in which police have used unnecessary force against youth of color have led to deepening mistrust between youth and police.



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Why Youth/Police Mentoring Programs?

Increase the trust
between Police and
youth

Work towards
dismantling the
inequity that persists
in our juvenile
justice system

Positively impacts
community safety



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Youth/Police Mentoring Programs: Best Practices



Provide training and support to participating Police regarding youth development



Provide context and information to participating youth and their families on the purpose of the program



Identify activities that will be relevant and of interest to youth and their families



Develop a schedule for the mentoring program that can be shared with participants and their families



Initially focus programming on building trust and creating community agreements



Over time, adapt programming to ensure it remains relevant



Utilize Restorative Approaches



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Panel Discussion



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Panelists



Lieutenant Daniel Allen



Christopher Rucker II



Moderated by Dar'tavous Dorsey



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Question and Answers



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Thank you!



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