



PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION FORM

Initiative Name: Family

Program Name –

OK Program: (Our Kids Program)

Empowering Black Men and Boys to Transform their Communities

Website address - www.okprogram.org

Description of program

The OK Program is has touched the lives of thousands of African-American males from the ages of 12 to 18 in order to reverse the high rates of homicides and incarceration among that population. Their collaborative, team mentorship model brings together local police officers, school districts, and the faith-based community with the goal of transforming lives and empowering African-American men and boys to improve their communities.

Across the country, the OK Program convenes KIC'IT sessions (Kids Interacting, Communicating Immix Teammates) which bring together OK boys and a team of African-American adult male mentors. Through the KIC'IT sessions, OK mentors, or Teammates, develop meaningful and lasting relationships with our boys by discussing topical – and often challenging – issues and sharing life experiences that will positively impact academic achievement, build respect for self and others, and emphasize the importance of community engagement.

Benefits of program

The main goal of the OK Program is to improve relationships between the law enforcement and African-American communities. As a result, OK boys receive at the KIC'IT sessions an in depth understanding on how to interact with the police when contacted or confronted by an officer.

Implementation Steps:

1. Subscribe through connecting via the Ok Program Website. (See Video on the website)
2. OK Program: National Headquarters 1111 Main St. Suite 450 Kansas City, MO 64105
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Connect: OK Program: through Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, via email, and Twitter.

Donald Northcross, Founder & CEO: Graduated from Sacramento County Sheriffs Academy. First President of Sacramento county Black Deputy Sheriffs Association. Selected as California Outstanding Young Public Safety Director of the year. Recognized by President George Bush as the 957th Daily Points of Light for the Nations Awardee. Receive the Resolution from Willie Brown and the speaker of the California State Assembly. Community service award given by California governor Pete Wilson.

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