

Mission Statement

Creating Hope through Education, **Resources** and **Resilience** for our Youths Kids

Our mission is to provide our youth and their families with the practical tools needed to overcome self destructive, negative behaviors. Along with parents and guardians we will make every effort to put our youths on a positive path. Our efforts will begin with instilling self-esteem, motivation, determination, and the ability to make sound decisions in our youths. Qualities that lead to successful outcomes; Our commitment is to firmly guide, encourage and support our youths. Our team of qualified professionals along with community advocates plays a vital role in our success. We will work closely with all professionals that serve our clients.

We promote a therapeutic approach that consists of small social skill enhancement groups as well as individual counseling. Establishing clear boundaries, for how our youths will be expected to conduct, themselves will be fully and fairly explored. Our commitment to strengthen the family unit is paramount. To this end, parents needing skills for improved parenting will be referred to appropriate agencies to assist them. They will be given the knowledge, to become positive role models for their children. Having healthy and productive role models at home and in the community will allow our youths to see strong, positive individuals up close, on a daily basis. Cherry Kids takes great pride in contributing to cultivating the lives of each and every young person that comes into our service.

Whom We Serve

Our program has been established to assist youths and their families in the underserved communities. Many of these youths are labeled as under achievers. They come from families that are socially and economically disadvantaged. More often than not they come from single parents homes. Others are in the care of grandparents, aunts and uncle, extended family members and in some cases, by individuals that are not biologically related. We may also find a percentage of our youths in the foster care system.

Many of these youths demonstrate poor academic achievement, excessive suspensions coupled with lateness, absenteeism and unfortunately far too many instances they have discontinued attending school all together. The reasons for our youths not completing their formal education varies. Poor family relationships, poor diets, limited social skills, are all major contributors to the decline in attendance.

These individuals and their families are often in dire need of intervention. They will not improve their purpose in life without the assistance of community and or state based services. Cherry Kids are a totally dedicated group of professionals, vowing to make every effort to improve the lives of the youths and families that seek our services.

Who We Are

The Cherry Kids was created to provide early intervention to youths in inner cities, experiencing behavior issues that negatively impact the education process. The implementation of our program provides the primary elements that constitute the framework for positive character building. Our qualified professionals will identify the challenging behaviors and assist our youths and their families with the finding. Cherry Kids is designed to minimize the kind of negative behaviors that impede our youth from achieving academic success.

The Cherry Kids team will collaborate with schools to provide therapeutic counseling for the youth we service. Our joint efforts will provide multiple opportunities for our youths to obtain productive learning experiences. Our team of professionals understands the importance of education. We realize that our youth's academic growth, socio-emotional well-being along with the family unit is of the utmost importance.

The end product of what we do can be seen as up standing young people possessing healthy self-esteem that leads to positive behavior, which ultimately will lead to more productive individuals to benefit society. Implementing a strong focus on education our youths are encouraged to pursue their goals in life. They are encouraged to explore all aspects of academics, cultures, societies and the world at large. The beginning transformation of our youths sets the foundation of self respect, respect for others, and ultimately, respect for life as well as a lifelong thirst for knowledge.

The Cherry Kids firmly believes that if we reach out to our trouble youths today, we will have contributed mightily to the individuals and their families that we serve, the community in which they live, and will have helped to make the world a better and safer place for all mankind in the process