

Youth Literacy Initiative

“Taking Hope Into Neighborhood Kid” - T.H.I.N.K.)

T.H.I.N.K. partners with business persons, educators, community leaders, city government, clergy, and parents, referred to as Team Professionals (TPros) to provide tutoring, books, phonics, and in home reading resources.

The initiative is designed to build a relationship with community and family while providing a valuable educational resource for the children and families participating in the program.

The program has a six (6) week rotation. The TPros meet with child and family for one (1) hour weekly during the six (6) week period.

1. Reading Assessments must be completed by program child – mandatory
2. Reading Assessment must be completed by children or adults in family

Current Partnerships:

- Lloyd Davis –JCPS STOP Program
- Julia Royston –JCPS Librarian

Youth Arts Initiative “Hip Hop Hope”

This initiative provides opportunities for children and young adults to express emotions in a healthy manner through dance, singing, drama, and acting.

Following activities are included:

- Liturgical Dance
- Hip Hop Dance Team
- Drama Team – Kellin Able
- Singspiration-
- Art and Photo-
- Sculpture
- Creative Writing
- Culture

Youth Careers and Life Goals Initiative I Need Knowledge (I.N.K.)

This initiative provides opportunities for children and young adults to experience various career, business, and professional environments.

I.N.K. also provides opportunities for business professionals, artists, community leaders, and other career persons to interact and encourage open discussion with children and young adults.

Graduates in this program will complete:

- Career and Personality Assessments
- Business and Professional Tours
- Business and Professional Workshops
- Professional Dress Workshop
- Interview for Success Workshop
- Resume for Results Workshop
- Business Etiquette Workshop
- Community Cares Project

We also believe that successful young adults should have exposure to the academic discipline in the humanities such as history; literature, philosophy and ethics; foreign languages and cultures; linguistics; jurisprudence or philosophy of law; archaeology; comparative religion; the history, and theory. and those aspects of the social sciences (anthropology, sociology, psychology, political science, government, and economics)

Nutrition and Health Initiative

New Life

The initiative is designed to build a relationship with local healthcare providers, health department, community, church, family and community based health initiatives. Our current initiative seeks to provide health screenings, discussion forums, exercise classes, healthy living cooking and exercise.

Activities include:

- Boyz Basketball Team
- Girlz Walking Club

Current partnerships in this initiative:

- Norton Cancer Institute
- The Endocrine Associates
- The New Jay's Restaurant

Truancy Reduction Initiative

Kidz In School Succeed (K.I.S.S)

This initiative was designed as rewards program to encourage children to attend school on a regularly daily basis.

Regular Attendance and Good Conduct records provided by child's teacher earn "dollars" to be spent on "Big Dreamz" Dollar Dayz. On Dollar Dayz we take a trip to a "Dollar Store" and the children trade the "Big Dreamz" for real dollars.