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Our Youth are At-Promise, Not At-Risk

A PROGRAM OF THE ATLANTA POLICE FOUNDATION

A WESTSIDE SECURITY PLAN INITIATIVE
AT-PROMISE VISION STATEMENT

We envision a city where juveniles are embraced and provided with positive opportunities throughout the City of Atlanta; a place where young people view police and public institutions as partners, have full access to an excellent education, premier health and social services and a community untroubled by violence. Our dedication to the At-Promise model will help create pathways to success for youth in Atlanta and reduce the number of young people who negatively experience the criminal justice system.

ABOUT THE AT-PROMISE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER

The At-Promise Youth and Community Center will be a state-of-the-art learning and community facility with specialized services for youth and a gathering place for residents, group activities and other purposes. Located in historic English Avenue, the At-Promise Center is an opportunity to participate in the revitalization efforts of this community.

This center is the cornerstone of the Atlanta Police Foundation’s youth crime reduction initiative. This facility will serve up to 150 youth per year, with specialized programming for youth and young adults ages 12 to 24 who reside on Atlanta’s Westside.

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EDUCATION
• GED Preparation and Testing
• High School Credit Recovery
• Tutoring
• STEM programs
• Academic Success & Cultural Enrichment

RECREATION
• Arts and Crafts
• Team Sports and Clubs
• Radio Station and Music Studio
• Gardening

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL
• Character & Leadership Development
• Healthy Lifestyles

THERAPEUTIC
• Clinical Assessments
• Child, Family and Group Counseling
• Wrap Around Services

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
• Career Readiness
• Employment and Internship Placement
• Vocational classes
OUR APPROACH
At-Promise brings police and community partners together to create pathways to success. This model focuses on three major areas:

- DIVERSION - an alternative to arrest and probation
- INTERVENTION - strategies to address behavior
- PREVENTION - to promote and foster personal growth and development

REFERRAL METHODS

Atlanta Police Department
Through the support of the Fulton County Juvenile Court system, a young person who has committed a minor offense, may be referred to the Center at the discretion of an APD officer. With parental authorization, a professional assessment will be performed to determine the most effective treatment interventions necessary to best meet the needs of each individual youth.

Pathways Program: Atlanta Public School System
A youth who attends an Atlanta public school can be referred to the Center for out-of-school treatment services that are beyond the scope of the school system.

Fulton County Juvenile Court & Fulton County Juvenile Probation
Youth who reside on the Westside who have prior misdemeanor convictions or who are currently serving a probation sentence will be referred to the Center. Upon arrival, a needs assessment will be conducted to determine the most effective treatment interventions necessary.

The Village
It takes a village to raise a family, and this network is made up of concerned, community members who want to see our young people succeed. Although not sanctioned by the court, with parental consent, the village can refer youth to the Center for drop-in services or membership to any of the in-house service providers.

Youth are the future of our community; and we envision a city that positively embraces and provides dynamic opportunities for growth and development.
The At-Promise Youth Center brings together this robust network of youth-serving agencies to collaborate and coordinate a transformative system of care for our city’s youth.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB METRO ATLANTA (B&GCMA)** For more than 75 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta has worked to save and change the lives of children and teens, especially those who need us most, by providing a safe, positive, and engaging environment and programs that prepare and inspire them to achieve Great Futures. Our 25 Clubs, located in some of our city’s most underserved communities, open their doors every day to more than 3,300 kids and teens. We focus on helping youth succeed in school, live healthy, and become leaders.

**CHRIS 180 (C180)** Since 1981, CHRIS 180 has transformed more than 60,000 lives. CHRIS 180 saves, serves, and protects traumatized children, adults, and families through solution-focused programming that empowers them to change the direction of their lives. This approach enables those we help to reach their happiness, health, and success despite challenging circumstances. The name CHRIS 180 represents our core values: Creativity, Honesty, Respect, Integrity, and Safety. CHRIS 180’s ambition is to be Georgia’s go-to place where every child, young adult, or family who has experienced trauma discover how to recover, become resilient, and pivot toward a new future of hope and confidence.

**POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL)** The Atlanta Police Athletic League is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide a safe environment for youth to reach their full potential through partnerships with police and the community. PAL utilizes athletics, activities, and other programming geared toward improving quality-of-life for youth participants, by promoting confidence, self-esteem, civic engagement, academic achievement, and social principles. Our goal is to aid youth in becoming nurturing, productive members of society.

**STREET SMART YOUTH PROJECT (SSYP)** Our mission is to actively engage minority youth in structured, community-based programs. With an emphasis on delinquency, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and HIV prevention, we are actively preparing and empowering youth as they grow into happy healthy adults. SSYP has served the English Avenue community since 2003 and continues to target under-resourced youth and young adults by utilizing evidence-based prevention and early intervention programming. SSYP treatment models, which encourage empowerment, behavior change and opportunity, allow our youth to transform, transcend and take flight.

**URBAN LEAGUE GREATER ATLANTA (ULGA)** The National Urban League, founded in 1910 and headquartered in New York City, spearheads our nonprofit, Non-partisan, national community-based movement that has grown to 88 affiliates in 35 states and the District of Columbia across the country. The Atlanta Urban League was founded in 1920 as an affiliate of the National Urban League. Now known as The Urban League of Greater Atlanta, the agency works diligently to empower communities and change lives. The Urban League’s focus is preparing the workforce for careers in the 21st century and the new economy; raising the graduation rate among metro Atlanta students and preparing youth for college and careers; homeownership and wealth creation; entrepreneurship and small business growth; and serving as an advocate for education, civic engagement and economic development and a voice for the underserved in our community.

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