



NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communities That Care Network (CTC) is **Thursday, February 13th at 9 AM**

Our address is Chester Education Foundation, 419 Avenue of the States, Suite 700, Chester PA.
All are welcome to attend this open meeting

Visit our website to learn more about available resources, programming, and announcements!

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January's Spotlights were presented by:

Amachi Chester Mentor Program

&

Grace Community's Resource and Empowerment Center
(GCREC)



January 9, 2020

SPOTLIGHT:
Amachi Chester Mentor Program

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Our Mission

To provide youth of families impacted by incarceration, gun violence and/or anti-social behavior access to positive role models to aide youth in enhancing their quality of life.

POWERFUL FACTS

- Since 1990, the number of women inmates has grown at an average annual rate of 8.5%
- More than 2.8 million women were under correctional care and 80% are mothers. 2.3 million are mothers
- There are 2.7 million children with a parent in prison or jail
- 92% of parents in prison are fathers
- On any given day, there are more than 500,000 fathers in prison
- Approximately 2.7 million children have an incarcerated parent, from 500,000 children in 1991
- On any give day 7.3 million children have a parent in prison or under state or federal supervision
- There are 10.7 million children affected by incarceration when including the number of parents in local jails, and probation and parole

Source: *Prison Policy Initiative, National Fatherhood Initiative, Incarcerated Parents and Their Children*", Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin



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SPOTLIGHT:

Grace Community's Resource & Empowerment Center

"Catch Up, Keep Up" Program

Dr. Lewis M. Wilford
Program Director

The goal of the Educational Improvement Program is to fill the gap between public and charter school education in areas of: African American History, Computer Technology, Public Speaking,

Phone: 610.269.4656

1213 Central Avenue
Chester PA 19013

Piano/Keyboard and
Drums. Instructors have years of
experience in their areas of expertise.

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The **'Catch Up, Keep Up' Program** is designed for students in 3rd through 6th grade.

Registration has now begun for the Spring of 2020 with classes starting March 14, 2020. Instruction takes place on every other Saturday from 10 AM - 12 PM and will run for eight (8) weeks.

Classes will be held, as indicated, at the following locations

- Grace Community UMC - 1213 Central Ave; Chester, Pennsylvania 19013
- Eddystone UMC - 731 Saville Ave, Eddystone, PA 19022
- Prospect Park UMC - 800 Lincoln Ave, Corner of Lincoln Ave & Rt 420, Prospect Park, PA 19076

Choose from the following introductory classes: African American Studies (GCUMC), STEM (GCUMC), Gospel Piano Keyboard (PPUMC), Drum Playing (PPUMC), Public Speaking (EUMC), Fast Track 2 Success (GCUMC), Sowing Good Seeds (from farm to plate) (EUMC), Job Interview Computer Skills for adults (TBD)

CTC Network Member Activities

Chester Education Foundation

SAT Prep Classes

The Jetter Center
419 Avenue of the States, Chester, PA 19013

Chester Education Foundation invites students for another round of SAT Prep Classes. Students can expect: Official College Board SAT Guides and SAT practice tests, individual access to Chromebooks, University-level instructors, Math/Writing tutors, and light refreshments.

To register please email nyates_jettercenter@chestereducation.org

**Spring SAT Dates: March 14, 2020 / May 2, 2020 / June 6, 2020

Contact Nefetaria Yates directly if you have any questions.

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Chester Community Coalition

Preregistration for Counseling Services

703 Central Ave, Chester, PA 19013

Chester Community Coalition offers FREE counseling to families where a loved one has been affected by violence. Participating Families get door-to-door transportation, supper, and childcare.

**Programs start in February; preregistration is required.

Contact Alexia Clarke directly if you have any questions.

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Child Guidance Resource Centers

Exhibition and Program at The African American Museum, about Fellowship Farm

January 18, 2020

10 AM - 5 PM

****Storytelling Program on Fellowship Farm (1 PM - 2 PM)**

The African American Museum

701 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Child Guidance Resource Centers has been granted the opportunity to present an exhibition and program, at The African American Museum, about Fellowship Farm. The presentation will be held on January 18th, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Farm has been in the care of Child Guidance Resource Centers since April 1, 2013. The farm is located in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, on 126 acres and is a hidden treasure that hosted many historical events and visits from prominent trailblazers throughout the years. Child Guidance is taking this wonderful opportunity to showcase how the farm's mission helped to shape many segments of our history.

Contact Tiiu Lutter directly if you have any questions.

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Strengthening Families Program

Spring Sessions: Beginning in March

Every Tuesday

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

1141 West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA 19083

The Strengthening Families Program is a 14-session, evidence-based parenting skills, children's social skills, and family life skills training program specifically designed for families. Both parents and children participate in this effective program that will improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse in children and improve social skills and school performance.

Contact Lisa Schneller directly if you have any questions.

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CASA Youth Advocates

Every Child Needs a Champion

CASA Youth Advocates needs volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children. 51% of the children in our child welfare system are African American. We believe it's important that our volunteer base reflects the diverse group of children we serve.

Contact CASA Youth Advocates directly if you have any questions.

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Crozer-Keystone Youth Prevention

Children Holding A Safe Environment (C.H.A.S.E) Program

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

301 W. 15th St. Chester, PA 19013

Supportive education for children with parents experiencing an alcohol or drug problem.

Contact Lashira Council directly if you have any questions.

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The Foundation for Delaware County

Nurse-Family Partnership: Parenting Groups

Every Monday
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
2602 W 9th Street, Chester, PA 19013

The Nurse-Family Partnership recently received a grant from the state to address the opioid epidemic in Pennsylvania. Through the grant, the Nurse-Family Partnership is able to hire another nurse home visitor to serve families experiencing an opioid or other substance use disorder. In addition, we will be hosting parent cafes every Monday from 1:30 - 3:30 PM at 2602 W 9th Street. Lunch and childcare are provided.

**Groups are completely confidential*

Contact Ashlynn Wittmann directly if you have any questions.

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Uncommon Individual Foundation

OnTrack Workshops
80 West Lancaster Ave, Devon, PA 19333

OnTrack, provided by the Uncommon Individual Foundation is an online college and career readiness program designed to help students, parents, counselors, educators, and after-school program staff successfully navigate the post-secondary education attainment process.

Contact Michael Hackman directly if you have any questions.

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