



Y.E.M.B.A., Inc.

Mentoring Empowering Program
(MEP)

- » **Founded:** December, 2007
- » **Incorporated:** March, 2008
- » **501c3 Status Granted:** August, 2009

- » Y.E.M.B.A. was envisioned out of the dreams, hopes, efforts and investments instilled in Edward Redd who was born in Chicago, IL. to a single mother with little formal education with limited access to resources. He grew in a neighborhood offering numerous opportunities for criminal activity. In the composite, this comprised the formula for hate, hopelessness, failure and self-destruction. Fortunately, there was a not-for-profit youth center that provided youth a vehicle to identify their goals, realize self-worth, and to benefit their communities and society. That youth center was the start of someone believing and investing in him.

- » Edward, grew into manhood, earned a double engineering degree and is currently employed as an engineer. He insured that all of his younger brothers and sister graduated from high school and attended college.

- » He was determined to provide youth with valuable experiences about life, and to make available programs to offset the negative influences of society. The formation of Y.E.M.B.A. Inc. in Dec. 2007 was realization of his dream.

- » Y.E.M.B.A. Fosters positive relationships with successful role models by providing supportive programs impacting youth, families and communities.

History



- » Communities Served: Oak Park
- » Conducted # of MEP Session, starting 2012: 9 sessions
- » # of mentoring hours invested: 3,915
- » **Total # of middle school youth and families served: 277**

MEP Statistics



Mentee Survey

- 169 Mentee participants participated
- **Overall Experience:** 80% rated their experience a 8 or higher
 - Comments:
 - “Great program for learning a lot of new things and exercise.”
 - “Like all my peers, coaches and fun being able to do homework.”
 - “This great program helps w/homework and physical activity.”
- **Most Valuable Workshops:** Usefulness - 75% rated 8 or higher
 - Comments:
 - “Because I wasn’t able to control my anger until I learned different options.”
 - “I know to stay away from drugs/alcohol.”
 - “It helped me in decision making.”
 - “Helping resolve conflict, helps a lot at school.”
 - “Nobody teaches it!”
- **Participate Again:** 93%
- **Refer A Friend:** 93%
- **Top Goals they will set for themselves:**
 - Good Grades/student
 - Better Behavior
 - Don’t Do drugs/alcohol, Save money
- **Added to Program:** More Time



Mentee Survey Results

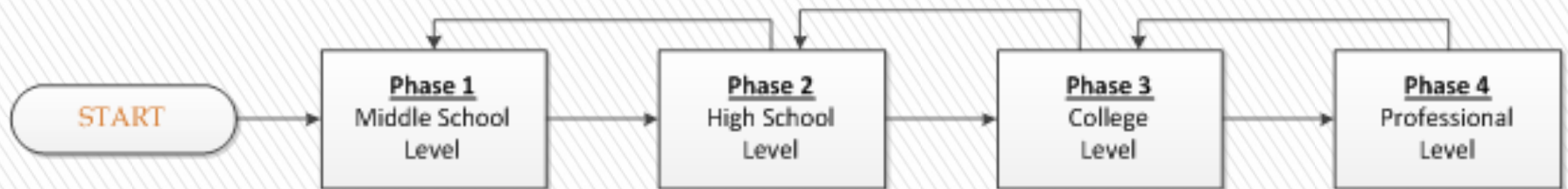
Parents Survey

- 36 Parents participated
- Feel Child was excited about Program: 94%
- Child benefitted from Program: 94%
- See any changes in your child decision making/behavior: 92%
- Participate in Parents Observation day in future: 86%
- Recommend program to others: 89%
- Comments:
 - “YEMBA is very much needed for our youth. It gives this confidence to pursue all positive goals.”
 - “I think the program should keep going on until he makes 17. This program will keep kids off the streets and give them something to look forward to.
 - “Wonderful program, I think my child needed to be part of the program because it helped him with a lot of issues he struggled with in the past”.
 - **“I wish there was funding to extend the length of the program. I also wish there could be more adult male mentors who could have more conversations w/the boys.”**
 - **“Thank you sincerely for offering and taking the time to put forth this wonderful program. I pray more and more children and adults are blessed from it.”**



Parent Survey Results





- Expand program
- Longitudinal Study
- Elementary School

Vision



Thank You!!



Questions??



Establishing a appropriate continuum of care for our at-risk youth....



Research