

# **CBA MISSION CENTER DREAM TEAM REPORT**



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**Task:** CBA Mission Center Dream Team was formed to consider a number of possibilities for our mission center as a place to assist students in the Greater Cleveland area under our effort to provide “Justice for Children.”

**Process:** Dream Team Members were given an opportunity to reflect on previous ideas or concepts that have been tried before at a number of different levels of success. Each Dream Team Member then dreamed of ideas and concepts for the CBA Mission Center. The team discussed a number of items in an effort to clarify, add or perhaps eliminate concepts, ideas or specifics. Finally, the team reviewed the possibilities and placed them into a category outline for easier review, clarity and implementation.

**CBA Mission Center:** A cooperative venture of CBA churches not to impact what other churches are doing. The mission center should feed into the local congregations and those congregations feed into the mission center.

## **CBA MISSION CENTER**

### ***A Safe Place***

- I. Academic Support/Development
  - A. Arts: Music/Drama/Dance/Martial Arts
  - B. Technology Development/Opportunities
  - C. Reading/Mathematics
  - D. Measurable Academic Achievement
  - E. Skills Development: Oratorical, Debating
  - F. Academic Challenges and competitions
  
- II. Character Development/Values Clarification
  - A. Violence Prevention and Anti-Violence Development
  - B. Sexual Responsibility
  - C. Self-concept enhancement
  - D. Gender Identity (What does it mean to be a man/woman?)
  - E. Appreciation for Diversity
  - F. The meaning of ethics & morality
  - G. The proper response to bullying
  - H. Modeling Health Values
  - I. Rap Sessions (Process)
  
- III. Job Preparation Economics
  - A. Pre-vocational education
  - B. Pre-vocational exposure
  - C. Entrepreneurship Engagement Exposure
  - D. College Preparation
  - E. How to manage money
  - F. Job preparation and awareness (both through introducing individuals and introducing them to various occupations)
  - G. Internship opportunities among CBA professionals

- IV. Counseling/Peer Counseling
  - A. Workshops/Forums/Programs to enhance value (diversity/morality/college preparation)
  - B. Counseling
  - C. Peer Mediation
  - D. Anger Management
  
- V. Immediate Personal Needs
  - A. Food/Snacks
  - B. Hot Chocolate
  - C. Back pack
  - D. Homework Help/Tutoring
  - E. Caring Adults (who can serve as surrogates, encouragers – men & women)
  - F. Ask-the-Pastor
  - G. Bible Tutoring
  - H. Books
  - I. Recreation (Chess/Video games)
  - J. Skilled Professionals (Nurses, Social Workers, Counselors)
  
- VI. Exposure/Community Service
  - A. Opportunities for community service projects
    - 1. Feeding the hungry
    - 2. Visiting the sick
    - 3. Reaching out to the homeless
    - 4. Visiting nursing homes/orphanages/shelters
    - 5. Cleaning up a neighborhood/school
  - B. Trips
    - 1. Cavaliers
    - 2. Indians
    - 3. Browns
    - 4. Monsters, etc.
  - C. Meeting professionals
  
- VII. Parent Engagement
  - A. Parenting Programming
  - B. Parental Training
  - C. Dress for Success
  - D. Parental Rap Session
  - E. Monthly Parental Session to introduce Mission Center
  
- VIII. Referral Source for Neighborhood Churches
  - A. Relationships with Schools as Referral Agents
  - B. Relationships with CBA Churches as Referral Agents
  - C. Relationships with agencies as Referral Agents

**Educational Institutions ← Mission Center → Local CBA Churches**

***THE ARROW GOES BOTH WAYS***

Dream Team Members:

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9. Rev. Mylion Waite, Antioch Baptist Church

\*Not a member of the CBA Board or the CBC Dream Team; provided insight from a Millennial prospective

**A WORD OF THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE REGION**