

GCAPP'S EBAN INITIATIVE: Creating a new narrative for young Black men

In partnership with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and Community Health Solutions, we are creating a new narrative for young African American men (ages 13-19) in a multi-dimensional project in Clayton County.

The Eban Initiative connects trained, male mentors who are adept at building culturally responsive relationships with boys and young men of color in a structured, supportive environment. The program consists of evidence-based interventions proven to reduce risky behavior while promoting healthy social and emotional development.



The EBAN Initiative Highlights:

In two years the project mentored 400 young men

Mentors were trained in the Reducing the Risk curriculum, an evidence-based intervention curriculum proven to reduce risky behavior while promoting healthy, social and emotional development.

Programming was conducted at Forest Park Middle School, Kendrick Middle School, Forest Park High School, The Rock Church, Solid Rock Academy, the Rainbow House, and Lovejoy Middle School.

The young men participated in the American Public Health Association Annual Conference, giving them an opportunity to participate in Our Voice Matters: Teens' Perspectives from Texas and Georgia. Topics included social injustice, COVID-19 impacts on teenagers, and social issues around overall adolescent health.

Eban is the Ghanaian symbol for fence which signifies love, safety, security, and protection

92%

completion rate despite serving in a virtual-only model during much of the program.