

St. George's Scholar Institute Programming

The St Georges Scholar Institute (SGSI) is a youth development agency that provides quality, out-of-school programming for social, emotional and academic learning to vulnerable youth in the California and surrounding neighborhoods. Our mission is to *Embrace, Educate and Empower youth in Louisville*. We offer our services Monday through Friday during the school year (36 weeks) for up to 60 youth grades 6th thru 12th and 6 weeks during the summer for 70 youth in grades K-12th grade. Recently, to provide more access, expand needed space and to operate more efficiently, we moved our organization and its program activities into California Community Center located at 1600 W St. Catherine St. SGSI continues to reside in the 40210 zip code, and we transport and serve the youth from the previous site. Our goal is to expand service to more youth in the California and surrounding neighborhoods.

The program provides the following activities Monday through Friday:

Dare to Care Kids Café Program

Understanding that hungry youth find it hard to learn, we partner with Dare to Care to feed the hungry. The kitchen prepares and delivers 100 hot meals each week to our after-school youth.

Urban Arts Institute

Imagine young people having the opportunity to learn how to take an incredible professional headshot with a camera. Perhaps they're able to professionally shoot their friends "senior pictures". Imagine young participants learning the art of dee-jaying and booking gigs for their school dances or family functions. What if our young participants were able to create their own designer clothing, logos, business cards etc... and provide that service for others to purchase? Now imagine them having basic business information to turn it into a promising career. This is what the Urban Art Institute is all about. We aspire to equip our talented young people with the resources to change the economy in their families with art.

Project Ready / Leaders of Tomorrow

In partnership with the Urban League, "Project Ready" offers development and college readiness programming for middle and high school youth, individual goal planning, tutoring assistance, life skills training, mentoring, cultural activities and community service opportunities. Our partnership with the National Black MBA Association "Leaders of Tomorrow" program specifically focuses on leadership empowerment programs for high-school students by developing skills such as presentation speaking, power-point production, idea research and teamwork. We provide exposure to colleges through visits and assistance in finding scholarship opportunities for our juniors and seniors.

Always Sisters

This is a mentoring program for at risk females ages 10-17 years of age who may have experienced or may be in environments that promote risky and unhealthy behavior. The program focuses on sisterhood, mentorship, social development, self-esteem and community initiatives. In partnership with the University of Louisville, we utilize Creating Healthy Adolescents through Meaningful Prevention Services (C.H.A.M.P.S.) curriculum to promote healthy sexual behavior.

Reading Rockets Summer Programming

Reading Rockets is an evidence-based literacy-based program that helps reduce the summer learning lapse common to children we serve by introducing literature and activities that build self-esteem and confidence in culture. Begun in 2007 as a Children's Defense Fund Freedom School, this nationally recognized 6-week program employs trained college interns alongside our staff. In our Fifth year of our independent program, we have retained Freedom School best practices while adapting to our community's specific needs.

Homework Helper/Tutoring

Knowing youth struggle with learning and attention lapses, it's believed an afterschool program may feel more accessible and supportive than school. The stakes may not feel as high. As a result, youth may be more willing to try new things and take more risks. This, in turn, can lead to higher education and higher self-esteem. The goal of our homework helper/tutoring is to provide support, build confidence, self-esteem and ensure all participating youth reach academic success.

Our Partners

We collaborate with the California Center that provides space for our non-profit organization and its after-school programming.

We are partners with the Louisville Urban League as a site based Project Ready program. We work in concert with their Youth Development Professionals to deliver essential programming.

We are partners with the National Black MBA Association with its Leaders of Tomorrow program. Their volunteers have implemented a leadership and scholarship program for high school participants.

We are partners with the University of Louisville which has offered and continue to offer programming to our youth and free training and curriculum development to our staff and organization.

We are a partner with the Kentucky Center for the Arts, ArtsReach Institute. This allows our organization to receive the services of 3 artists from the Kentucky Center, a \$500 grant for programming and a K-Card (allows organization to receive heavily discounted tickets for participating youth),

We partner with JCPS and Lyman T. Johnson Middle School located at 2508 Wilson Ave. They are hosts to our Summer Program, Reading Rockets.

We partner with Metro United Way and the BMA (Black Male Achievement) Initiative to provide programming like the CEO Leadership Club to participants, training to staff and Professional Development Memberships to our executives and Lead Staff.

We partner with Metro Louisville as an External Agency Youth Development Program in which we receive funding for the after-school portion of this programming.

We receive funding from the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, that started this program over fifty years ago, and several churches provide additional support and volunteer time.