

NICETOWN CDC

OUR MISSION & VISION

The Nicetown CDC (NTCDC) was incorporated in 1999, upon a mission to dynamically improve the quality of life in Nicetown and surrounding communities.

We fulfill our mission with a holistic approach to establishing effective, sustainable, community economic development initiatives. Goals and objectives prioritize public health & safety; community organizing through “re-education and training; affordable housing development; commercial corridor revitalization; arts & culture, and land care.

NICE SPACE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The NTCDC “Nice Space” Empowerment Program is an incentive driven collaborative effort, intended to build capacity via education, supportive services and exposure, to reduce risky behaviors that lead to violence among males between the ages of 16 to 34. This includes those on probation or parole, or have court-ordered community service obligations. Through this CEG-funded program, we offer workforce development training, behavioral health support, civic engagement opportunities, and wrap-around services, aiming to reduce violence and promote positive change.

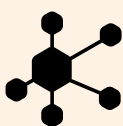


PROGRAMMATIC GOALS

The overall purpose of the Nice Space Empowerment Program is to provide networks and support systems for Black men and boys, with a focus on:



Decrease the number of participants from committing, re-committing or falling victim to violence.



Develop networks and interventions that strengthen support for youth at risk in order to obtain and keep employment, further education, and facilitate access to networks.



Increase protective factors and decrease risk factors for our program participants.



EMPOWERING FUTURES BEYOND VIOLENCE

Our program offers ongoing emotional support to help participants stay in school, secure employment, and make positive life choices that steer them away from the culture of violence. We remain committed to their success, providing guidance not only during the program but also through consistent follow-up support for six months afterward, ensuring lasting impact and meaningful change.



Career Development

Focus Groups; Job & Vocational Training Opportunities; Work Readiness & Life Skills Coaching; Financial Literacy



Emotional & Behavioral Support

Mental & Behavioral Health; Trauma Supports; Conflict Resolution Skills; Coping Strategies



Community Engagement & Safety

Community Safety Training; Community Engagement Outreach; Cultural Awareness



Wellness & Enrichment

Wellness & Fitness Activities; Field Trips; Village Network Podcast & YouTube Channel



Life Skills & Support

Building Relationships & Communication Skills; Resource Identification; Participation Incentives

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

8 weeks length of violence prevention programming sessions

100% participants reported having been impacted by gun violence in some way

87% participants saw an improvement in their life skills upon program completion

GET INVOLVED

Nicetown CDC is dedicated to reducing violence and empowering individuals through innovative programs and services. With your support, we can expand our reach, provide life-changing opportunities like job training and behavioral health services, and overcome challenges such as limited funding, staffing gaps, and the need for robust data systems. Together, we can build safer, stronger communities and create lasting change. Please visit our website for volunteer and donation opportunities.



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