

About Us

The Mary Nelson Youth Center has been making a difference in the lives of children and families since 2002. Located at the intersection of community and life, the youth center is a product of Mary Nelson's life-affirming journey that was built on the richness and power of lifelong values that were instilled by her parents.



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OUR PROGRAMS

Education & Career Services

Education is the alternative to violence. Offering onsite training, guidance, and education opportunities with training partners and local programs.

- Tutoring program
- Library on premises
- Afterschool programs
- Resume writing services
- Computer lab to assist with school work, job searches, or housing
- Apprentice program assistance
- Helping entrepreneurs learn how to opening a business
- Free copies & fax services
- Employment opportunities*
- Continuance of Careers*

*updated daily

Health & Wellness

Promoting health and wellness through knowledge and awareness to enhance quality of life.

- Onsite testing
- Immunizations
- Health insurance enrollment & information sessions
- Informational brochures & informative meetings

Community Support

Assisting individuals and families while promoting independence, healthy growth and overall wellness.

- Food pantry (Mondays 9am - 2pm)
- Diaper Bank (Mondays 9am - 2pm)
- School supplies year-round
- AMAZON Mystery Box Giveaway
- Household & clothing items giveaway
- Referrals for housing
- Assistance with finding free/low cost furniture/necessities
- Money management & advice on dealing with bill collectors.
- Community Service Hours
- High School & College Student Internships
- Supervised Family Court Visits
- Court mandated community service
- Free legal counseling
- Informational brochures & informative meetings

Mentorship/Groups/Clubs

Utilizing volunteers to help break the cycle of poverty through coaching and counseling.

- Young Adults Mentoring Programs
- Men focused support groups & workshops
- VBMU Voices of Black Mothers United

Events

- Annual Back-To-School Supply Giveaways
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets*
- Christmas Toy Giveaway*
- Free Coffee, tea & donuts daily

*Pre-registration Required

The Mary Nelson Youth Center is staffed and operated by community volunteers