**Organization Profile**

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| Name of Organization: | Chasing 7 Dreams |
| 5 Keyword Descriptors:  *Tutoring, afterschool, STEM, college access, career exploration* | Compassion, Resilience, Honest, Advocacy, Acceptance |
| Mission Statement:  *What’s the ‘missing” in your service area? How will you fill the gap? Who benefits?* | Our Mission is to inspire and make a difference through spreading love, growth, and new development in the lives of all that we serve. We are devoted to supporting the guiding principles of accountability, empowerment, and inspiration at the forefront of implementing change. |
| Target Population: *Gender, age, socioeconomic status: infants 0- 4, youth 5-13, Females ages 14-18. Young adults 19-24 from underserved, urban communities. Adults with disabilities ages 25- 55 in the San Fernando Valley. Seniors 55+, afflicted with dementia or Alzheimer’s.* | E-KAAMP Summer Camp 7-17 years of age  E-KAAMP Adult Conference 17-27 years of age |
| How many clients will you serve and how often? *Include the timeframe, monthly, quarterly, annually. e.g., 100 youth per month* | 100 clients, four times a year |
| What geographical area will your organization serve? *Community, City, State, Country. i.e., The West Athens community of South L.A.* | Inland Empire-Riverside and San Bernardino County |
| Describe the Gap your organization will fill? *List resources, training, education, opportunities, role models, alternatives, access, etc.* | Chasing 7 Dreams fills in gap of lack of resources by providing workforce development training for participants 17-27 years of age, peer counselors, frequent communication with parents and caregivers providing resources and advocacy support, liaison with business and community bridging the gap for job coaching and educational outreach. Additionally, we fill in the gap providing a weeklong summer camp and camps to for clients 7-17 years of age providing recreational activities, social development, stem resources, and educational materials and advocacy for parent support. |
| Describe the innovation in how your organization fills the gap. *Math tutoring by African American Alumnae Engineers, On-the-job training with industry professionals, Homework assistance via app.* | Our program offers innovational programs to help guide clients with Autism and disabilities providing educational activities in person and remotely to highlights our clients’ talents, abilities, and purpose. We help them better understand the world around them. All participants and their caregivers have exposure to services and educational resources they may otherwise not access. We allow kids and adults with abilities to not only understood but celebrated! |
| **Program Description(s):**  What are your organization’s programs?  *Youth development*  *College Readiness*  *Career Exploration*  *Relationship Counseling*  *Parenting Classes*  *Program title: From Boys2Men Rites of Passage*  *Service provided: Mentoring, homework assistance, college access and admissions, career planning, parenting/relationship counseling.*  Measurable goals: *What is the problem? Homelessness. What is the change (verb) your program will produce? i.e., increase, decrease, reduce, eliminate, cure*  By how much? *(% - make the goal attainable. Usually 10-25%)*  *e.g., To reduce homelessness by 10%*  Actionable objectives: *How will your org accomplish the goal? By hosting three interviewing techniques workshops per week*  What is the length, frequency and duration of each program?  How long will your programs run? *e.g., 1 hour, 2 hours, 4 hours*  How often will your programs be offered?  *e.g. 3 times a week, 4 times a month, once a quarter, twice a year*  How long is the program?  *12 weeks, 6 months, 1 year*  *e.g,.* ***Boys2Men Rites of Passage*** *is a male youth development program for young African American men ages, 12-24 from the Watts, Compton, West Athens communities of South Los Angeles. Youth are partnered with professional African American men, ages 25-65 who model positive characteristics, decision-making, healthy relationships and career choices. Participants attend a two-hour workshop every Saturday for 12 weeks, covering topics from peer pressure to goal setting, college, and career exploration, to healthy relationships. The goal of the Boy2Men Rites of passage program is to reduce the school-to-prison pipeline by 25% from these underserved, overrepresented communities by 2025.* | Provide a description (with all the information listed) for **EACH** Program  E-KAAMP Summer Camp provides activities for participants 7-17 years of age. We promote communication skills for clients to navigate through social situations and strength training via team building and stem exercises.  E-KAAMP Adult Conference is workforce development conference for participants ages 17-27 years of age. We offer referrals for applicants that complete our training with interviews with our business community partners. |
| **Program One:**  There is a lack of resources for kids and adults with Autism and disabilities. Chasing 7 Dreams provides services without limitations on an applicant social and economic demographic. We have Staff, Peer Counselors, Behavior Therapist and Professionals that provides one-on-one and group communication skills, team-building exercises for stress reduction and academic enrichment through stem exercises, problem-solving, resume building, interview skillsets, job training and supplies, and materials at E-KAAMP camps and conferences.  The goals for E-KAAMP are to increase the availability of camps and job conferences for youth and adults by 20% percent participation by 2024, in the IE region.  E-KAAMP summer camp objectives are enhanced social interactions and building safe relationships. Clients will continue to engage with their peers and peer counselors obtaining updates from parents on their behavior at home and school with social media, communication and development.  E-KAAMP Adult Conference objectives communication skills and launching mock interviews. We will accomplish our goal by bridging the business world with E-KAAMP Clients. After the E-KAAMP Conference eligible clients will conduct one to two interviews with local employers in the community.  Our Summer Camp is 5 days. The Adult Conference is 3 days.  Our Summer Camp runs for 5 hours a day. Our Adult Conference runs for 4 hours a day.  The E-KAAMP Summer Camp once a year and the Adult Conference is offered twice a year.  E-KAAMP Summer Camp is a weeklong camp. The Adult Program is a 3 day Conference. |
| **Organizational History**  (About Us, Who We Are, Agency History)  Year of inception. Year incorporated (if different than inception date):  Why organization was founded  What has been the organization’s biggest challenge?  How has the organization overcome that challenge?  What is the organization’s greatest accomplishment since its incorporating?  *Boys2Men was started in the basement of a school counselor’s home in Newark, New Jersey in1999 after witnessing 75% of his male African American freshmen class fall prey to gangs, drugs, teen pregnancy and prison. In 2003, the organization become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and began administering programs in local elementary and high schools to disrupt the school to prison pipeline ravaging through predominantly under sourced, underserved Black and Brown communities. In 1992, after the L.A. civil unrest, the West Coast Chapter of B2M was incorporated to address the devastating number Black males in Watts, Compton and the West Athens communities of South L.A. entering prison or being killed. To date, the organization has partnered with 5 LAUSD school districts to graduate 100% of its participants (2,200 African American males), provided over $5 million in college scholarships, and placed over 1,750 youth in internships and assisted 1,571 with landing entry level professional and paraprofessional jobs.* | Chasing 7 Dreams was incorporate in 2015, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We that designs and implements unique programs and experiences that change the world, one person at a time. In 2016, Chasing 7 Dreams launched E-KAAMP (Elijay-Kids/Adults with Abilities Making Progress). E-KAAMP provides a gateway to access resources for children and adults with disabilities such as Autism. Our organization biggest challenge is identifying financial sponsorship in the Inland Empire (IE). The IE serves as the largest geographic region in the State of California. We are overcoming this obstacle by providing access to services for kids and adults with disabilities without limitations of an applicant's social and economic demographics. Additionally, we implement E-KAAMP's in multiple jurisdictions within the state to further education outreach for participants to enhance their social and communication skills and behavior change. Our Adult Conference allows clients to enhance their talents and skills in various skill trades, professional developments and provides networking opportunities with employers. Since incorporating our greatest accomplishment has been the launch of our Adult Conference. The Adult Conference allows our campers to transition from adolescents to adulthood providing growth development in the workforce and colleague arena. |