

SELF ASSESSMENT – Working Together to Rebuild the Village!

- Faith**
(Live our Faith)
- Join a family of faith and actively participate. Pray, study and apply what I learn.
 - Actively discover my purpose and use my gifts, talents, and strengths.
 - Support local ministries and my community with my time, gifts, and resources.
- Education**
(Prepare our Children)
- Reinforce the importance and value of education. Attendance. Homework. Preparation. Graduation. Career.
 - Know what's happening at school. Participate...conferences, volunteer, mentor, tutor, and/or adopt-a-class.
 - Read to children and have children read to you every day. Reduce television and video time.
 - Partner with available people & resources for help. Ex: Library, Family, Mentors, Tutors, Churches, etc
- Health**
(Protect our Health)
- Become educated on health (physical and behavioral) issues that affect African-American families.
 - Establish a relationship with identified medical and dental providers and get an annual medical, dental and behavioral health check-up or screening.
 - Actively practice a healthy lifestyle by eating healthy, not smoking, exercising, avoiding substance abuse and abstaining from high-risk behaviors associated with HIV-Aids, STD's and teen pregnancy.
- Healthy Families**
(Strengthen our Families)
- Create a safe and healthy environment that nurtures and sustains the spiritual, physical, emotional and economic needs of my family and community.
 - Increase the quantity and quality of time spent with families.
 - Develop and understand the benefits of healthy marriages and stable families.
- Economics**
(Build our Wealth)
- Create and build personal wealth through: Employment (Jobs), savings, equities, investments, ownership and entrepreneurship. Enhance and expand networking and professional support and services.
 - Support black-owned and N.O. businesses; businesses that support community efforts & employ African-Americans.
 - Educate ourselves and our children to understand and use our collective consumer spending power.
- Crime Prevention**
(Love our Neighbor)
- Develop stronger relationships with youth and neighbors. Help intervene and provide positive options.
 - Partner with my church, police, neighborhood and/or organization to help prevent and reduce crime.
 - Partner with my community to assist those currently in and coming out of the criminal justice system.
- Civil Rights and Justice**
(Stand for Justice)
- Understand my rights. Develop stronger relationships w/ police, leaders, elected officials, etc. Hold accountable.
 - Call Human Rights & Relations or appropriate agencies to get information packets. Contact NAACP, FHAS, Human Rights & Relations if discrimination occurs and follow through with the process. Document everything.
 - Become aware of how the judicial system works. Work to improve the process. Stand up for youth.
- Housing/Neighborhoods**
(Own our Homes)
- Educate myself about my rights and responsibilities as a renter, the advantages and responsibilities of home ownership, and how home equity helps build personal wealth.
 - Budget, manage credit, control spending and work towards owning my own home.
 - Join my neighborhood association and actively participate. Help to address transportation issues.
- Voting/Politics**
(Raise our Vote)
- Educate myself, my family (including my children) and my community on the issues and candidates.
 - Register to vote. Vote early, encourage others to vote, and take someone with me to the polls.
 - Support the development of African-American candidates and political strength with a focus on 2010 and beyond.
- Environment**
(Clean our Neighborhoods)
- Get educated on environmental issues that are impacting our community. Share information with others.
 - Make sure my home is free from the impacts of lead and other harmful environmental concerns.
 - Help keep my neighborhood clean. Participate in neighborhood clean-ups.
- Technology**
(Cross the Divide)
- Work to make sure that children in my home and community have access to computers.
 - Work to have a computer in my home.
 - Work to have internet access in my home. (with proper supervision)
- Communications/Media**
(Own our Communications)
- Educate myself, my family and my community regarding the influence of the media. Reduce negative influences.
 - Limit TV & video game playing (especially during week) and support positive African-American media outlets.
 - Voice my concerns to media that broadcast and print inappropriate material.
- Cultural Arts/History**
(Embrace our True Culture)
- Instill in my family and organizations the importance of keeping cultural traditions alive.
 - Support and attend cultural arts, activities, events, organizations and venues.
 - Understand the potential economic impact of the arts in our community.