

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS INITIATIVE
MONTHLY REPORT (April 19th) JUSTICE**

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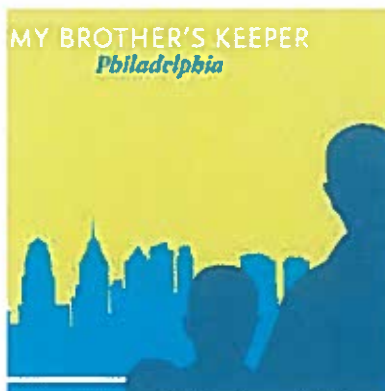
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In fulfillment of the commitments made to the
City of Philadelphia's
My Brother's Keeper Initiative-Philadelphia (MBK Philly)





Forged by a partnership between the Mayor's Office of Black Male Engagement (OBME) and the Community College of Philadelphia's Center for Male Engagement, the Community Conversations Initiative is a platform to engage Philadelphians and leaders who work for / with our communities. The initiative is a monthly forum where community members and leaders discuss challenges, opportunities, and solutions that address dismantling inequities that impact the lives of men and boys of color in the city.

In general, the Community Conversations Initiative focuses on discussions that include but are not limited to:

- Education
- **Justice**
- Health/Wellness
- Economic Development

The Mayor's Office of Black Male Engagement is dedicated to closing the opportunity divide for men & boys of color.

The Community College of Philadelphia values community engagement and service as an important part of its mission. The institution addresses broad economic, cultural and political concerns in the city and beyond through a variety of community service initiatives.

HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES (resource tables present at Conversation):

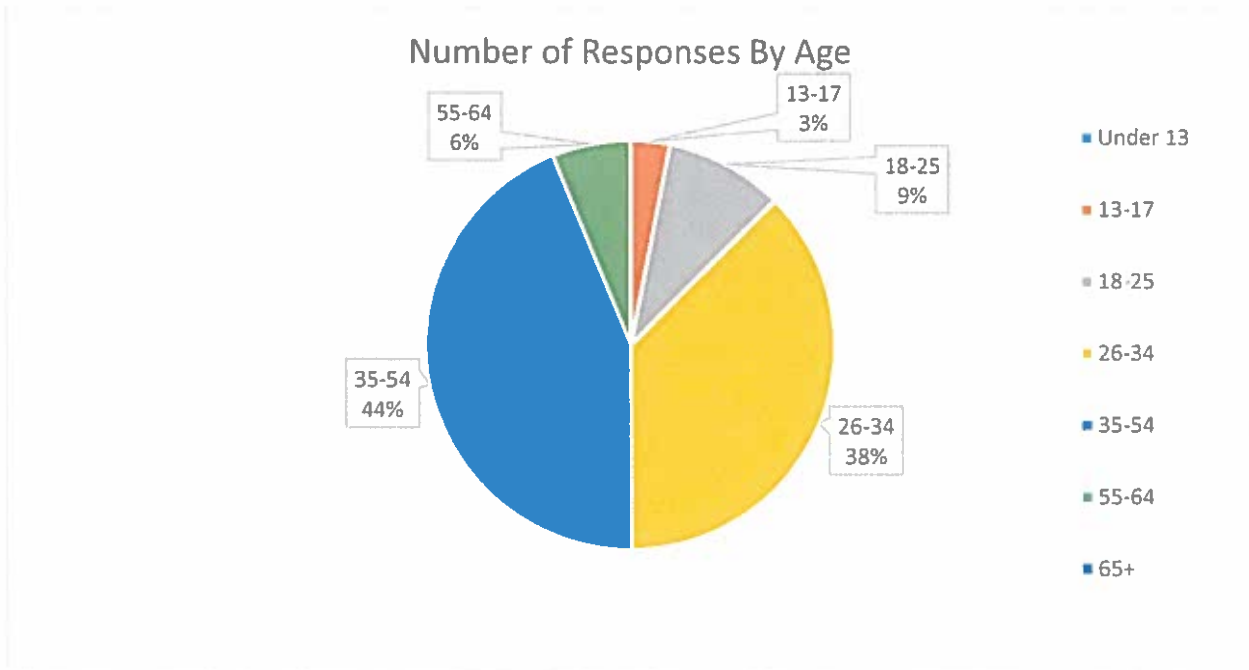
- Philadelphia Police Department
- North Philadelphia Community Anti-Violence Initiative

PANELISTS : MODERATOR – Juwan Bennett (Mayor's Office of Black Male Engagement)
Dontay Muhammad (Center of Male Engagement – Community College of Philadelphia,
Mayor's Commission on African American Males), **Richard Ross** (Commissioner,
Philadelphia Police Department), **Michael Lee** (Philadelphia Attorney), **Troy Wilson**
(Philadelphia based Defense Attorney)



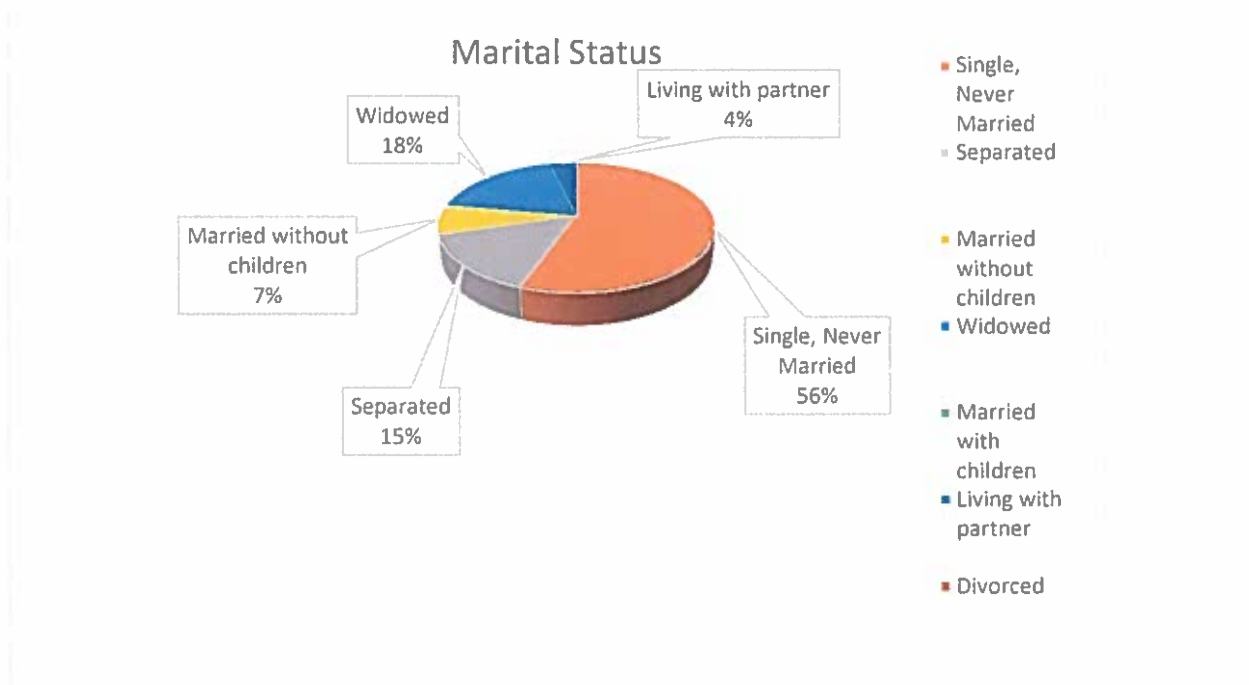
SURVEY RESULTS (FROM PARTICIPANTS):

AGE RANGE: (SEE CHART)



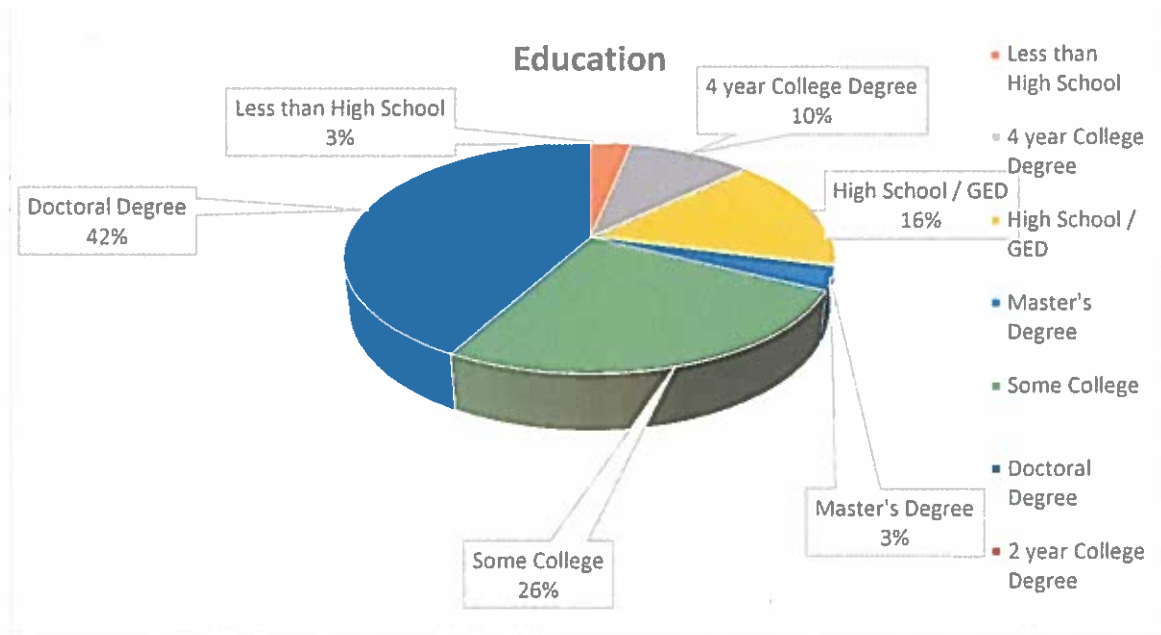
- *(Age Range chart - figure 1) The majority of people in attendance in April were 35-54 yrs. old.*

CURRENT MARITAL STATUS: (SEE CHART)



- *(Marital Status Chart – figure 2) The majority of people in attendance were Single (never married).*

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION: (SEE CHART)



- *(Education Chart – figure 3) The majority of people in attendance earned Some College experience in education.*

Based on the Needs, Resources, and Solutions brought forth by the attending Community members, we will continue to gather suggestions and recommendations to report out information to stakeholders in efforts to advance the academic, economic, health & wellbeing, and social/ criminal justice awareness towards a transformed narrative for men and boys of color in the city of Philadelphia. Please carefully read the suggestions as each are given by a fellow Philadelphian who support men and boys of color in the city and realize that we are better, together.



Needs	Resources/Supports	Solutions
Honest assessment of the pathological issues involving the social justice or lack thereof in the communities/people of which we are speaking		
1. Food Justice- access to healthy food, vegetables, restaurant options 2. Community Centers/ safe spaces for youth to gather/engage 3. creative engagement projects	1. None in SWP. I'm only near Wendy's McDonalds, Burger King, Subway & Popeyes 2. None in SWP that have been sustainable	1. Encourage /support franchises into community or support black owned health focused restaurants. 2. Work in progress 3. Mural arts, community gardens
Knowledge of who is in my community? Knowledge if what resources are in my community? How do I access resources or mentors?	Job Fairs (entry level) How to contact leaders of the community	
Boys & Girls clubs More community involvement		Police socializing
Boys & Girls clubs Properly funded youth events	Mini stations	
Community building, mentoring, health partnerships	Local members of the community	
Equal education Economic justice Criminal Justice reform	Educational law center Good Shepard Mediation	Increase opportunity for civic engagement & offer at a younger age
Job development	Philly Tech meet up - 24-26 Philly tech training- Education Law Lender- Good Shepherd mediation	Meet people where they are - neighborhoods, rec centers, corners
Better background on police officers - more POW League activities - community relation - more walking	Community College	
One thing we talk about at push is our area needs people to care. We need more small businesses that want to be apart of giving back to the community instead of people and cops turning a blind eye to the drugs and violence		People that care - Cops that care - A plan to beautify and uplift the area & people in it



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Mentoring - way too many youth/adults Education - provide more in a decimated community Economic/ Employment Empowerment	Not many in Juniata Park/Feltonville section of Philadelphia	Address the illiteracy, high rare of unemployment, poverty, and crime that keep communities in physical and mental despair
Activities, better background checks, community involvement		
Policy that keeps bad officers from getting hired in Phila (sanctuary city) - Better communications while walking street	Community College - Temple Univ open its & Daddy University	Free Community College for all in the city
Support from local businesses in the community teaching and mentoring and building relationships - Drug dealers around the area - Beautify the park - Start providing proper treatment for those with disabilities	Girard Medical Center - Forensics Unit	Bridge the gaps - provide free, fun education on diet/exercise/healthy decisions
Support from surrounding business and community	Girard Medical Center	Bridge the gaps
Teaching our youth how to get along - even play, speak w/one another & adults. Police doing things with community. Require police to do "community service hours"		
More programs	More mentors	
Programs with identification - people who look like and around the same age	P.A.L. 19th & Tioga	Interactions between police and public - Community integration from police officers
A place to vent and learn new things outside of bagging - To be able to brain storm and be better people	Connections Training Services 22nd & Lehigh	Mentor older men having already been down the road of bad mistakes they will be more to go the right path if shown the way and also arm them with resources and they can go home and fix their own home



(Preventive) Mental Health Equity - Life skills equity - Reproductive health equity/Reproductive health inclusion	Libraries - Don't know of many because of gentrification	Positive minority representation in communities - Job trainings/skills acquisition - Change image of police officers/dept - More free/inclusive outreach at community centers/NAC offices
Criminal Justice Reform/Education/Economic Justice IT training for underprivileged and ex-felons - Early Childhood Mentoring	Good Shephard (David Scott - Deputy Chief SEPTA) - (Randy Duque - Gilda Jean-Louis) - Joshua Scott - PACTS/Scholly) Achievements in Technology Science	Using technology - targeting underprivileged and people of color to learn code/programming to facilitate community self sufficiency and economic growth - Meet folks where they are - Reparations - Increase opportunities
Equal Education - Reparations - Economic Justice - Awareness	Coding/programming - Ed. Law Center - Forums	Follow-up on U. Nations Task-Force for reparations - Change dialogue B/Ms - Mass
We need facilities for kids to go to after school - Better communication between leaders and communities - Parents need to get involved	The church & community centers - Better understanding of what's going on in the community - Getting our leaders involved (ward, community people)	We need to vote - We need to help each other - More resources within the communities.
Police need help dealing with people in mental health crisis - Police spend too much time stopping traffic for construction and not fighting crime or engaging the community	Office of Mental Health - Police Dept.	More Mental Health pros available to help police - Use people who didn't pass the police test as traffic cops. (This will free up police to fight crime or engage the community)
More programs for children - Educate/inform parents	Communication - Collaborative	
More productive conversations about race and how it effects communities engaging those policy makers of justice in these conversations more persons of color involved in social justice matters	UNSURE	UNSURE
N/A	N/A	N/A



<p>OST Activities- funding/school provide - Labels-criminal outlook step away of change perspective/approach to those skills - Wrap around services w/in the community-male prescene - Budget - (nwse- restrictions)</p>	<p>Proactive approach - Preventive approaching (compliance w/funding)</p>	<p>Connect w/other schools/comm to see what their approach is (collaboration) w/in the community - More support from colleges (communication/socialization)</p>
<p>Changing neighborhood related issues</p>	<p>Surrounding CDC, Brewerytown Rec, Free Library (Central Branch)</p>	<p>Cross collaboration, empathy building to come together across differences</p>
<p>Restorative practice in schools - Reduction of suspension in schools - DMC awareness & reduction</p>	<p>Prevention projects - opportunities for youth to develop passion, etc</p>	