

How can I engage?

We hope to engage 40 adult male mentors in this initiative.

1. **Become a Mentor-** Visit the BTM website: www.boystomenqc.org to submit an online inquiry.
2. **Share information with your network.** Share this brochure and web address with your professional and personal network.
3. **Host a presentation for your group/ network or organization.** We are happy to provide in-person and virtual presentations on the initiative.
4. **Contact these individuals to learn more:**

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About the collaboration

The Boys to Men series is part of Real Men Mentor which strives to provide boys and young men with positive, consistent and meaningful adult male relationships. It also is part of our shared Diversity, Equity and Inclusion charge to embrace and engage our diverse community in helping children achieve potential. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and our local chapters have enjoyed a strategic partnership for over 15 years. It is our hope and goal to develop this series into a national model and impact thousands of young men across the country.

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Develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic **excellence**, while providing service and **advocacy** for our communities

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Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

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What is the Boys to Men Series?

The Series is the first of its kind in the QCA. The goal is to connect vulnerable African American young men with adult mentors, and use the series to ignite the building blocks for a successful one-year match.

The series will be held at various QC locations and include a tour and presentation by the site host.

The series will focus on four pillars Boys to Men believe define the path to manhood:

1. **Relationships Matter**
2. **Big Dreams**
3. **Decisions and the power of choices**
4. **A World of Opportunity— Building blocks to career and life success**

Each session will include: 1) a keynote speaker, 2) breakout sessions led by community leaders, 3) small group and goal-setting sessions, 4) host welcome/tour of the facility, and 5) food and refreshments. The capstone will be a graduation event that will include a service project determined and coordinated by the young men.

Mentors serve as a support system and help apply the concepts from the series to life. The experience will result in a number of opportunities that help the mentee build assets, networks and inspiration to achieve success.

BBBS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Boys to Men committee will provide on-going opportunities throughout the year in career-exploration, health and wellness, economic empowerment and social/emotional growth.

Boys to Men Series Dates

September 11th Kick-Off

September 25th Session I

October 9th Session II

October 23rd Session III

November 6th Session IV

November 20th— Graduation

Note: all events will be held on Saturday's from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Food, refreshments and materials are provided.

The location for each session will be provided at the Kick Off event.



What is my commitment?

There are 4 elements a Mentor commits to as part of this initiative:

1. Complete enrollment/orientation process.
2. Meet your mentee and parent/guardian.
3. Attend all the Boys to Men series events with your mentee.
4. Maintain a strong connection with your mentee for 9-months following the series.

Key elements of connecting Mentor/Mentee:

1. Participating young men will be between the ages of 12 to 16 (grades 6-11).
2. Mentor, mentee, and parent/guardian will complete enrollment /orientation process which includes an interview and orientation on expectations and boundaries.
3. Upon acceptance, a match recommendation will be provided to the mentor for consideration.
4. Once accepted, the mentor, mentee and parent will meet for the first time at the September 11th Kick-off session.
5. The Mentor will coordinate with the mentee and parent/guardian transporting the mentee to and from each session.