

# RISE!

## MALE EMPOWERMENT NETWORK



### CULTIVATING CHAMPIONS

*Partnering to  
Change the Narrative of  
Male Youth in  
Newport News*



*"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."*

*- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



# WHAT IS THE RISE MALE EMPOWERMENT NETWORK?

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Established in Newport News Public Schools in 2019, the RISE Male Empowerment Network was created to provide a mechanism for increasing collaboration among organizations which serve male youth to increase their capacity to meet student needs and to drive positive life outcomes. Community agencies, non-profits, faith-based and civic organizations, colleges and universities and individuals work with schools and the school division to create extraordinary opportunities that build skills, resilience, and positive assets in male youth. This "Network" of partners brings together a wealth of resources, expertise, and creative ideas that strengthen the collective work of those who are committed to improving the quality of life for young men in the City of Newport News.

Interested in becoming a member of the RISE Male Empowerment Network? Complete a Membership form at <https://tinyurl.com/NNPSRISENetwork>.

For more information about RISE and the opportunities to partner, contact Bridget Adams, NNPS Youth Development Supervisor, at [Bridget.Adams@nn.k12.va.us](mailto:Bridget.Adams@nn.k12.va.us).

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Academics  
Character Development  
College & Career Exploration  
Enrichment Opportunities  
Leadership  
Mentoring  
Service Learning



## Our Focus

*The work of the RISE Male Empowerment Network aligns with 7 "pillars" which provide a focus for network collaborations and programming.*

*"When we mentor young people, we are paying forward many of the blessings that we have received from our parents and those who have mentored us along our journey. We all have something of value that will impact the lives of our youth."*

*- Dr. George Parker, III, Superintendent, Newport News Public Schools.*



# The Power of the Network



In addition to individuals who are committed to youth development, organizations, including those with established programs, can partner with Newport News Public Schools to increase student access to extraordinary opportunities that are offered by Network members. The RISE Network expands possibilities for student empowerment and engagement.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

*There are many benefits to becoming a RISE Network Member!*

- *Connect with other youth-serving organizations*
- *Share resources and evidence-based strategies*
- *Build expertise in the area of youth development*
- *Connect with NNPS students in grades K-12*
- *Increase youth engagement with available programming and services*



## "100 IN 100" RISE MALE MENTOR CAMPAIGN

*Mentoring is an effective intervention for all youth. The power of just one nurturing adult can be life-changing for a young person. RISE endeavors to establish at least one mentoring option for students in every Newport News Public School. To accomplish this, the "100 in 100" RISE Male Mentor Campaign will recruit and train 100 men to serve as mentors to students in the fall of 2021. Interested candidates must meet specified criteria and successfully complete a background check and comprehensive mentor training. Faith-based, fraternal, and civic organizations are strongly encouraged to join this effort by registering at*

## 100 MENTORS IN 100 DAYS!



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The 100 Male Mentor Campaign

The RISE Male Empowerment Network is seeking to secure and train 100 male mentors by June 26, 2021. Interested mentor candidates should apply by May 17, 2021 at <https://tinyurl.com/NNPSRISEMentor>

# MENTORING MATTERS



## GROWING KINGS

*Student access to school and community-based programming, like the Young Men of Distinction program at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School, is critically important to achieving positive outcomes such as academic achievement, positive behavior and mindset and regular attendance. RISE is grateful for those who partner with us to improve the quality of life and life outcomes for students in NNPS.*

## WAYS TO CONNECT WITH RISE

There are many ways that individuals and organizations can support RISE Male Empowerment programming. Here are just a few:

- Small group mentor
- One-to-one mentor
- Guest speaker
- Lead or support a mentoring club
- "Adopt A School" (An organization adopts a specific school).
- School-based community partner (visit cafeterias, be a presence at schools at events, during class changes, arrival and dismissal, etc.)
- Sponsor or chaperone a field trip
- Read to students
- Coordinate a service project
- Conduct a workplace readiness activity (ex. job shadow, mock interviews, resume building, etc.)
- Leadership training
- Special event organizer (ex. recreation, social, career exploration, etc.)

