

Lower Roxbury Coalition

A Community Connections Coalition

Leadership & Parenting Training

Lower Roxbury Coalition (LRC) is a collaborative of the Roxbury residents and families working together with organizations and agencies serving children to identify and address unmet needs of families. LRC strives to create an environment where all community residents, service providers, and other stakeholders work in partnership to identify, advocate for, and secure a comprehensive network of formal and informal supports, (thus) empowering families and children to realize their full potential.

The objectives are:

1. Coordinate training and meeting for Steering Committee & Coalition members
2. Build strategic alliances and systems to address concerns and well-being initiatives
3. Design community leadership development activities for residents of public housing associations
4. Establish virtual family support center
5. Implement Effective Black Parenting program for Roxbury residents
6. Provide community input to the Department of Social Services (DSS) Area Office
7. Collaborate with DSS
8. Build and broaden youth programming
9. Implement monitoring system to assess needs
10. Identify foster parents through Community Connections survey

Key Components

Staffing Composition: LRC employs a full-time director and part-time administrative assistant. The director designs and manage family-based and leadership initiatives; administers state public policy initiative on child welfare for residents and families residing in Roxbury; prepares and manages budget; reports to the Steering Committee of the Coalition; and supervises the administrative assistant. The administrative assistant assists with the day-to-day affairs of the Coalition and maintains its philosophy.

Scope of Service: LRC has designed a family service program with the objective of providing ongoing support to children and families attempting to organize and assume greater control over their housing and community.

It is our view that when organized, residents and families can assume meaningful roles in managing their lives. To that end, LRC has developed a set of leadership and parenting training programs for children and families. By and large, the training is

provided on site at the convenience of children and families although at times children and families will benefit from trainings conducted with children and families across different venues. This list of training programs is not exhaustive, as LRC staff will meet with children and families to develop new programs or make appropriate referrals. Each child and or family has unique needs. A list of training programs is provided.

Effective Black Parenting – Nationally acclaimed parenting skill-building program created by the Center for the Improvement of Child Caring (CICC), teaches parents and others how to raise African American children to become healthy, proud and capable people.

The program, which was designed with the guidance and direction of African American parenting scholars, fosters:

- Effective Family Communication
- Healthy African American Identity
- Extended Family Values
- Child Growth and Development
- Positive Self-Esteem

Adaptive Leadership Seminar and Workshops - This Seminar and Workshops is designed in collaboration with the Meristem Group LLC to improve communication on programming and service processes of LRC. The Seminar and Workshops will attract twenty (20) residents who will be educated on the following core components:

- Overall concepts of what it means to exercise Adaptive Leadership;
- Multi-media presentation, including film clips & perhaps some music;
- Experiential exercises in leadership; and
- Time for reflection and next steps to keep the learning alive

Special Activities:

- Back To School BBQ
- Men's Health Summit
- Public Safety Task Force at Orchard Gardens
- Kolombo Novo Capoeira Angola
- Community Needs Assessment
- Quarterly Community Newsletter
- Www.lowerroxburycoalition.org

Target Goals

1. To build partnerships to address community concerns and well-being
2. To be part of the Dimock Street DSS Area Office's team on the Breakthrough Series Collaborative

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