## TRAINING & PROGRAMS

C.A.E. POSITIVE Disruption: Character & Leadership Development Training is C.A.E.'s required core curriculum. This course involves group sessions that allow the students to gain insight into the differences between values, attitudes, and behavior to encourage an intrinsic desire to change.

Parent and Family Engagement initiatives involve adults and youth acting together to create a community that values young people and builds the skills they need to lead positive healthy lives.

### FEATURED ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

C.A.F. Student Voice TV Show: This show documents the conversations and topics that Ambassador Council Leaders feel are most important to their generation and encourages youth participation across the county in becoming agents of change.

C.A.E. SWAGG Station Dance TV Show: This show documents monthly recreational dances with the goal of creating connectivity and fun-filled safe youth spaces throughout Mercer County. C.A.E.'s SWAGG Station is loosely based on the CBS variety show "Soul Train" and will be presented on the world wide web, Amazon Fire and Roku streaming devices.

C.A.E. TV Production Course: This project-based visual arts course provides technical instruction and practical experiences for aspiring videographers and filmmakers. Participating students will assist in the production of C.A.E.'s Student Voice and SWAGG Station TV Shows.

## ABOUT C.A.E.

Community Arts Experience, Inc. (C.A.E.) is a 501c3 alternative learning and training organization dedicated to the well-being and empowerment of underserved communities.

C.A.E. provides data-driven and evidence-based programs and services that impact learning, student development, and improve the lives of children, adults, and seniors.

C.A.E.'s four global service divisions consist of: Performing Arts, Health & Fitness, Media & Technology, and Education & Development, with the focus to create a positive influence within the communities we serve.

C.A.E. works with businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and other entities with the goal of eliminating barriers that limit engagement and learning, including access to childcare, affordable housing, mental health and substance misuse support, food accessibility, and more.



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#### ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

C.A.E.'s Students Taking Ownership Mentoring Project (S.T.O.M.P.) is a strength-based prevention program. It is designed to decrease instances of violence by reducing moral and interpersonal conflict by instilling a value system that encourages the positive emotional, spiritual and social development of Mercer County. Serving the youth of this county, grades 5–8 first, then the family unit, and ultimately the community at large.

Services will be offered in a safe and productive environment where the youth will be encouraged to be introspective, empowered to lead, and equipped to address the mental, social and economic triggers that attribute to violent behaviors

S.T.O.M.P. has four overarching project goals to address risk factors associated with youth violence:

- 1. Increase school and community awareness of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), resilience, and trauma-informed care.
- Develop moral reasoning through biblical principles, faith-driven engagement activities, and peer-led initiatives.
- Break cycles of adversity through reverse and peer group mentoring creating an efficient holistic system of care for youth and their families
- 4. Create safe spaces for youth where they can come together, engage in activities, and express themselves in a healthy and respectable manner.

# PROJECT PARTNERS

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#### S.T.O.M.P. FRAMEWORK

As a prevention program, the primary goal is to stop violence before it begins by employing a model that will affect the factors that influence violence.

Four youth-led community incubators will educate and empower S.T.O.M.P. Ambassador Leaders to raise the awareness of issues that affect their communities and enable them to facilitate deliberate action plans and strategic solutions to deter violence.

Evidence-based data along with data-driven programs and services will provide holistic support by offering consistent mentorship, advocacy, and arts-infused education that encourages positive emotional, spiritual and social development.

The anticipated outcomes of the program will be realized over six phases.

The success of those outcomes will be measured by several evaluation methods including documented forms-over-time, taking into consideration the growth and development of the youth participants, and their families, as they continue to impact their personal lives, relationships, immediate communities, and the society-at-large.



This countywide project is endorsed by the Buhl Regional Health Foundation and Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission, Inc.