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**TESTIMONIALS**

*"Turning Point has helped me to navigate through the world as an African American male. It is nice to be a part of a community of like-minded individuals to turn to for advice or someone to talk to."*

James McCurtis, III

*"I love the family feeling of the parent support sessions and knowing that I am not the only one in the room asking the same questions about their son."*

Hope Rollins



Our symbol means

**SESA WORUBAN**

" I change or transform my life."

- Over 850 young men have participated in TTPOL since its inception.
- One hundred percent of our graduates continue their education and workforce goals at community colleges, universities, and in formal work settings.
- Our men have secured successful careers in architecture, armed forces, automotive design, business, engineering, community service, computer science, environmental justice and policy, federal government, law, medicine, professional sports leagues, and more.



**The Turning Point  
of Lansing**

*An African American Male  
Mentoring Program*



**FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE**

**OUR VISION**

To meet the cultural and social needs of young, African American males in Ingham, Clinton, and Eaton Counties (Michigan) by providing them with an effective support network of role models who are determined to help them realize their fullest potential in society.

**OUR MISSION**

The Turning Point of Lansing provides an Afrocentric group mentoring experience that gives young African American males an opportunity to explore life's challenges all while developing strategies for success in their lives, schools, and communities.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**SIGN UP!**

New Applicant    Returning Applicant



**TRANSFORMING  
BOYS TO MEN**

- Student Mentoring Sessions
- Parent Support Sessions
- Recreation Sessions
- Get-a-Job/Keep-a-Job

The Turning Point of Lansing is a  
501(c) (3) tax-exempt  
non-profit organization

# PURPOSE & PRIMARY GOALS OF TTPOL

The Turning Point of Lansing (TTPOL) provides African American young men with the awareness, attitudes, and skills to succeed in a diverse society. TTPOL allows participants to get to know, work with, and establish lasting relationships with a group of dedicated and committed African American men. The men are well-established community leaders in the Greater Lansing region and are known as Mentors in the organization.

We are chartered to fulfill these primary goals:

- ✿ PROMOTE HEALTHY SELF-ESTEEM
- ✿ AMPLIFY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, PERSONAL GROWTH, & WORKFORCE SUCCESS
- ✿ BUILD STRATEGIES TO SOLVE CHALLENGING ISSUES
- ✿ CREATE A SAFE SPACE TO BUILD MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

*Student Mentoring & Parent Support Sessions*



# The Turning Point of Lansing

The program is designed for young men, Grades 6 through 12 who attend any of the Tri-County area schools. Program participants must commit to attending monthly meetings. All safety COVID-19, RSV, and Influenza precautionary measures will be taken as necessary.

The program is based on the 7 Principles of Kwanzaa:

- ✿ UMOJA - UNITY
- ✿ KUJICHAGULIA - SELF DETERMINATION
- ✿ UJIMA - COLLECTIVE WORK & RESPONSIBILITY
- ✿ UJAMAA - COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS
- ✿ NIA- PURPOSE
- ✿ KUUMBA - CREATIVITY
- ✿ IMANI - FAITH



*Recreation Sessions & Get-a-Job/Keep-a-Job*

# MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings focus on contemporary issues and may include the following topics based on survey responses from the young men and parents.

- ✿ MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS
- ✿ SEXUALITY & RESPONSIBILITY
- ✿ ENTREPRENEURSHIP & EMPLOYMENT
- ✿ PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION/IMAGE
- ✿ MANAGING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL DYNAMICS
- ✿ VARIOUS TOPICS FOR PARENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

# PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

The Turning Point of Lansing is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt, non-profit organization. We have partners that cross many sectors - businesses, various industries, and education to support the organization's goals through financial and in-kind contributions. Join our partnership and consider giving today.

SOME OF OUR PARTNERS IN PLANNING



# rites OF PASSAGE

The annual Rites of Passage Ceremony is held at the end of the program year and serves as a:

- ✿ SALUTE AND RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATING SENIORS
- ✿ CELEBRATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S GOALS
- ✿ TRIBUTE TO THE MENTOR LEADERSHIP
- ✿ APPRECIATION OF OUR SPONSORS

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