

Ohio Council of Urban Leagues

2010 Ohio State Apprenticeship Conference

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Introductions

- Thomas S. Conley, Chairman of the Ohio Council of Urban Leagues and President/CEO, Greater Warren Youngstown Urban League
- Donna Jones Baker, President/CEO, Urban League of Greater Cincinnati and past Chair of the OCUL
- Fred Wright, President/CEO, Lorain County Urban League
- Marsha A. Mockabee, Interim President/CEO, Urban League of Greater Cleveland
- Bennett L. Williams, President/CEO, Akron Urban League
- William Gillispie, Interim President/CEO, Dayton Urban League
- Eddie Harrell Jr., President/CEO, Columbus Urban League
- Vince Watts, Interim President/CEO, Greater Stark County Urban League
- John Jones, President/CEO, Urban League of Toledo

THANK YOU!

- The Ohio Council of Urban Leagues appreciates your taking time to discuss League operations and the partnerships which can be formed for positive change.

About the National Urban League Movement

- The Urban League movement is 100 years old
- The National Headquarters for the League is in New York City
- There are 98 Urban League affiliates located in 35 states and the District of Columbia
- Urban Leagues served 2.1 million people in 2009, reaching more than 77 million through advocacy, research and other public efforts. The cumulative economic impact of the programs and operations of the National Urban League and affiliates was \$1.043 billion.

Mission of the Urban League Movement

- The mission of the Urban League movement is to enable African Americans and others to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

About the Ohio Council of Urban Leagues

- Oldest Urban League in State is 93 years old; the youngest is 13 years old
- We have locations in every major urban city and surrounding counties and represent all but two of the congressional districts in the State of Ohio
- We serve Ohioans “from the cradle to the grave” with programs ranging from Head Start, to work with Senior Citizens.

About the Ohio Council – Cont'd

- Most Ohio Leagues have:
 - Economic Empowerment initiatives (SBDC, MBDC, Urban Entrepreneurial Partnership)
 - Pre-employment/Job Readiness Training
 - Job Placement Services
 - GED Assistance

About the Ohio Council – Cont'd

- Many Ohio Leagues have:
 - Housing Programs
 - Financial Counseling
 - Drop out Prevention/Intervention programs
 - Prisoner Re-entry programs
 - Community Safety initiatives
 - After School Support and Tutoring
 - Health Programs/Services

About the Ohio Council – Cont'd

We are uniquely qualified and positioned to empower African Americans and all disadvantaged persons, especially ex-offenders and non-high school graduates alike, in Ohio's communities to participate equally in the educational, economic and social mainstream

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- Questions/Discussion