

"What They See Is What They'll Be"

News from the 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc.

December 2015

Fifty Percent of African American Youth ... Don't Expect to Live Beyond 35 Years

Adolescent Survival Expectations: Variations by Race



The average life expectancy of Americans is about 79 years old, but many young people of color who live in the U.S. aren't certain they'll

live past 35.

Recently, the American Sociological Association and the Journal of Health and Social Behavior released a report on the optimism of life expectancy for young people, for which white and minority youth answered questions about their lifespan including whether they thought they would live past the age of 35.

Reported by the Huffington Post, the findings from the report show that young whites, at a rate of 66 percent, are usually more optimistic than minority peers about the likelihood of living past 35.

Just 50 percent of African American youth felt confident that they would live to be 35. Only 46 percent of U.S.-born children of Mexican immigrants aged 12 to 25 feel that they will live beyond the young age of 35, and 38 percent of Mexican-born immigrants believe they will not live through 35.

[Calendar of Events](#)

MISSION

The Mission of the 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. is to improve the quality of life within our communities and enhance educational and economic opportunities for all African Americans.

VISION

100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. seeks to serve as a beacon of leadership by utilizing our diverse talents to create environments where our children are motivated to achieve, and to empower our people to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of the communities we serve.

VALUES

100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. is committed to the intellectual development of youth and the economic empowerment of the African American community based on the following precepts: respect for family, spirituality, justice, and integrity.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Researchers surveyed more than 17,000 adolescents, male and female, to get their opinions on their own life expectancy.

The full report is available at the American Sociological Association's website:

<http://www.asanet.org/journals/JHSB/DEC15JHSBFeature.pdf>.

100 Black Men of Madison,
Inc.

P.O. Box 787

Madison, WI 53701

[E-Mail](#) | [Website](#)

100 Black Men of Madison Member, Reverend Everett Mitchell, Candidate for Judge



100 Black Men Member, Reverend Everett Mitchell, recently announced his candidacy for judge of the Fourth Circuit Court Branch of Dane County.

Attorney Mitchell previously served as a Dane County Assistant District Attorney and Associate Director of Madison-area Urban Ministry and currently works as the Director of Community Relations for the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is also pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Madison.

"I'm excited to talk with the people of Dane County about my credentials to serve them as a competent and considerate judge," said Mitchell. "Dane County residents deserve a judge that will administer justice for all."

Attorney Mitchell is a graduate of Morehouse College, Princeton Seminary where he earned a Masters of Divinity and Masters of Theology, and received his Juris Doctor from UW Law School.

Rev. Mitchell and his wife, Mankah, live in Sun Prairie with their two children.

Incumbent Fourth Branch Circuit Court Judge, Amy Smith, is not seeking reelection.

100 Black Men of Madison Receive OJJDP Three Year Delinquency Prevention Grant



Announced 21 October, 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. was selected to receive the 2015- 2018 *Project Soar Program* grant funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

Initiated via a competitive RFP process, this grant funding supports group and one-on-one mentoring to African American youth (primarily males) between the ages of 12-17. The primary objectives of this grant are to reduce truancy rates and increase graduation rates by mentoring *The 100 Way Across a Lifetime*.



Of the one hundred and sixteen (116) Chapters of the 100 Black Men of America, only five grants were bestowed. The 100 Black Men of Madison Chapter was one of those five chapter recipients.

Strategic Partners who played a vital role in the RFP activity were the Dane County Executive's Office, Madison Metropolitan School District, Madison Police

Department, Mayor's Office, City of Madison and the United Way of Dane County.

This is a major achievement for the 100 BMM and should serve as a platform to make a difference in the lives of the youth we serve and the communities in which we live.

15 January

Fresh Perspective Opening Reception



A reception celebrating the show, Fresh Perspective will be stage in the Overture Playhouse Gallery on Friday, January 15 from 6-9 PM with

live performances on the Rotunda Stage.

The Fresh Perspective Art Collective has united to present a fresh male African-American perspective. As fathers, husbands, businessmen and mentors, these emerging and established Wisconsin visual artists seek to curtail the negative portrayal of black men in the media today. This collaboration is designed to expand creative opportunities and tear down barriers that limit success for many of these men and their families.

There is no charge for admission and all ages are welcome.

16 January

100 Black Men of Madison Annual Meeting



Mayor Paul Soglin



Alder Barbara
Harrington-McKinney



Alder Maurice S.
Cheeks



Alder Sheri Carter



Alder Samba Baldeh

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the 100 Black Men of Madison will take place Saturday, 16 January, at the Bonefish Grill, 7345 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53711.

Slated Speakers at the Annual Meeting are Mayor Paul Soglin, Alder Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Alder Maurice S. Cheeks, Alder, Sheri Carter and Alder Samba Baldeh

This meeting is restricted to members of the 100 Black Men of Madison.

Please [click here to register](#).

100 Black Men of America Chairman

Curly Dossman

Recognized in the Ebony Power 100



EBONY Magazine recognizes those who lead, inspire and demonstrate through their individual talents, the very best in Black America.

Among those cited this year is 100 Black Men of America Chairman Curly Dossman. Chairman Dossman is the fifth chairman of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., a global organization with more than a one hundred Chapters.

Chairman Dossman works tirelessly to improve the lives and ensure the success of underserved youth in our communities. He upholds the

company's mission via the organization's four longtime pillars: mentoring, health and wellness, education and economic development, all while serving concurrently as president of the Georgia-Pacific Foundation. The mentorship program is implemented in 110+ local and 50 collegiate chapters and operates under the motto, "What they see is what they'll be."

On December 2nd, the **EBONY POWER 100** event will be held in Los Angeles, California. EBONY will gather to celebrate the 2015 honorees during an exciting and star-studded evening in Hollywood. The night will culminate with a special recognition of the 70th anniversary of EBONY magazine, which was founded in 1945.

2016 Recipient of the Erlanger Civility In Public Discourse Award

Bill Greer



Annually, the City of Madison bestows the **Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Civility in Public Discourse Award**. The 2016 recipient is 100 BMM member, William Greer, President and CEO, of Journey Mental Health Center.

President Greer has more than forty (40) years of experience as a clinician, administrator, instructor and clinical supervisor. He has supervised the development of many model programs that serve individuals across the life span with an emphasis upon best practice, cultural competence, and consumer involvement.

The award honors Jeffrey Clay Erlanger, who was an individual of integrity, passion, intelligence, and civility. Jeff understood that thoughtful and caring people could have very different views on how to best address our community's many complex issues and problems. Jeff, who died on June 10, 2007, spent a significant part of his life committed to public service, focusing on constructive advocacy and civil debate, fairness, openness, and effective representation. He embraced the similarities that unite us.

Selection criteria for this bestowal were:

- The demonstration that work, program, project, policy decisions or actions have made a positive contribution to the community and its residents.
- The demonstration of leadership in public advocacy, focusing on constructive civil debate, fairness and openness resulting in effective outcomes.
- A dedication and commitment to treating people with civility, respect and dignity.

There is not a more deserving person in our Community for this award than Bill Greer.

Now

We are currently accepting stories and photographs for future issues of "What They See Is What They Will Be." Please submit your stories and event

Accepting Articles & Photos

photos for consideration. Submission does not guarantee placement in this publication.

Stories should be 200 words or less and electronic photos should be 300 DPI or better in .JPG format (NO SCANNED PHOTOS). Include captions for each photo (who, what, when, and where). Photos without captions WILL NOT be considered.

Submit your stories and photos (with captions) to president@100blackmenmadison.com.