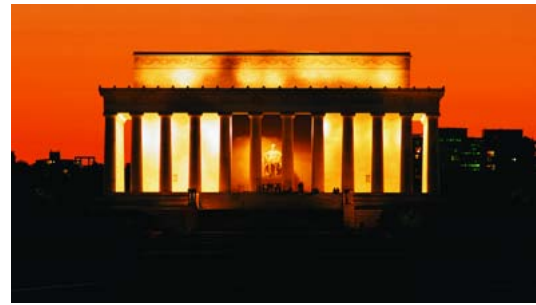




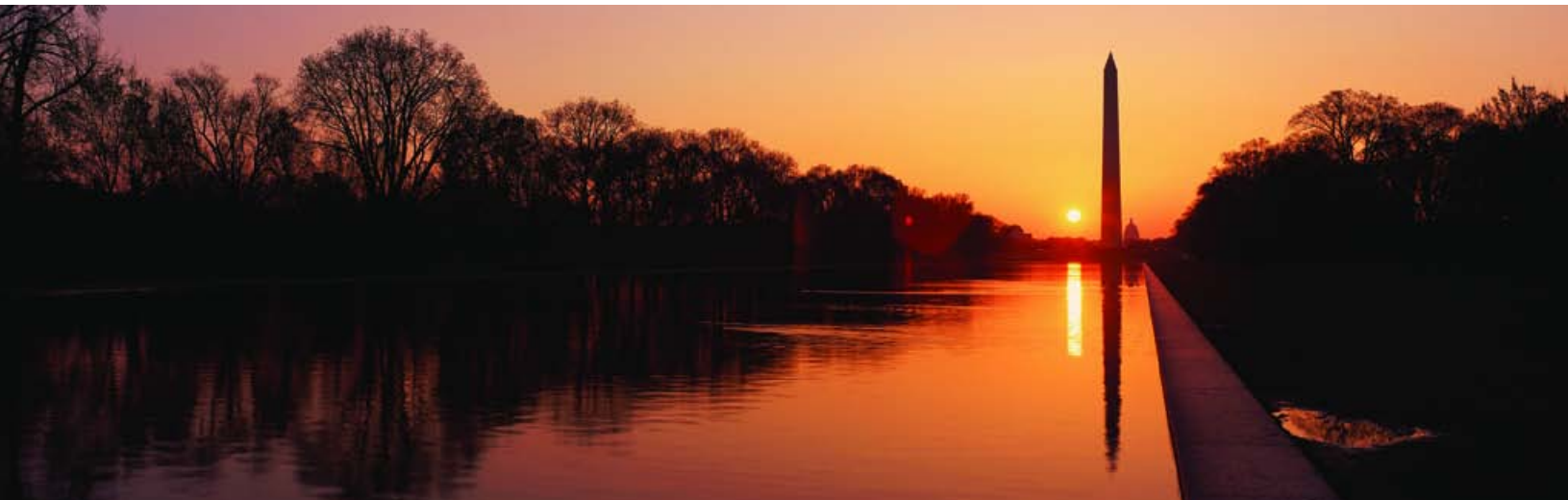
Concerned Black Men
National Organization



2ND ANNUAL

NATIONAL CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, DC - MAY 11-14, 2006



**"ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE
IS OUR TOP PRIORITY"**





THE CONVENTION

In 2006, **Concerned Black Men – National Organization** marks its 31st year of mentoring children with its 2nd Annual National Convention. This important event will occur from Thursday, May 11 to Sunday, May 14, 2006 in Washington DC, our Nation's Capital. The conference's theme "Achieving Excellence is our Top Priority" underscores CBM's long history of making a difference in the lives of our Nation's youth. This national event will bring together the country's leading educators, politicians, community stakeholders, philanthropic-minded celebrities and others to discuss today's important issues affecting the development of young people and their parents.



THE AGENDA (Subject to change)

THURSDAY MAY 11

- 10:00 – 12:00 n Staff Meeting
- 1:00 – 5:00 p Conference Registration
- 2:00 – 3:00 p Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:00 – 9:00 p "WELCOME TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL" RECEPTION

FRIDAY, MAY 12 (Day 1)

- 7:30 a – 6:00 p Conference Registration
- 8:00 – 9:00 a Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 – 9:00 a CBM Delegates Meeting – Candidate Presentations
(Closed to the Public) (Continental Breakfast)
- 9:00 a – 12:00 n CBM Elections – Polls Open/Close
- 9:00 – 10:00 a OPENING PLENARY SESSION
- 10:00 – 11:15 a **Workshop A – Black Males Left Behind: Why African American Men are Not Succeeding and What Can Be Done About It**
How can we break the cycle of joblessness and low earning potential of young African American men? A panel of experts will discuss this growing crisis in the Black Community.

- 10:00 – 11:15 a **Workshop B - Creating Schools Where Boys of Color Excel**
Some schools consistently do a great job of preparing young males of color for high school, graduation and college. Voices from the field tell us how they defy the myth that low income boys of color cannot achieve.
- 11:15 – 12:30 p **Workshop C – Keeping Kids in School: Strategies to Lowering Truancy and Dropping Out**
The first step in closing the achievement gap for Black youths is to keep them in school. What are the reasons for high truancy and dropout rates? What can be done to increase attendance? We hear solutions from those who have examined the problem.
- 11:15 – 12:30 p **Workshop D - Innovative Approaches to Lowering the Teen Pregnancy Rate For African American Youth**
Despite recent improvements, this Nation's teen pregnancy rates still are too high. Learn about best practices that hopefully will lead to lower rates in the near future.
- 12:30 – 2:00 p **Luncheon - Media and Communications Task Force Showcase**
Hip Hop, Media and Images of Black Americans: Does It Make a Difference in the Behavior of Our Youth?
Experts discuss the effect of negative media images and misogynistic lyrics on the attitude and behavior of our youth.



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THE AGENDA CONTINUED

CBM Election Results

2:15 – 4:00 p Workshop E – Developing Parental and Community Support for Better Schools
Why aren't Black parents demanding higher academic achievement for their children? How do community stakeholders advocate for a better educational system? Come and hear a range of opinions from our panelists.

2:15 – 4:00 p Workshop F – Using a Youth Development Approach to Educate Young People and Keep Them Out of the Criminal Justice System
Principles of positive youth development are used by some CBO schools, and even in innovative juvenile detention settings, to educate youth. Are these principles effective in shaping behavior? Both education and juvenile justice experts give us the benefit of their wisdom.

4:00 – 6:00 p Town Hall Forum
Young Males of Color Achievement Gap Initiative: Developing A National Strategy to Close the Gap
Come and participate in a discussion on CBM's plans to increase high school graduation rates for African American and Latino Boys.

SATURDAY, MAY 13 (Day 2)

7:30 – 8:30 a Breakfast on Your Own

8:30 – 10:00 a Convention Showcase

A National Call for Mentors – Can We Find A Few Good Men (and Women) to Help Our Kids?
Our Nation's most important community based groups, fraternities, and civic organizations talk about working to increase the number of mentors in after-school programs and other youth activities.

10:00 – 11:15 a Workshop G – Keeping Our Children Drug Free – How Do We Know When We are Making a Difference?
Hear about substance abuse prevention strategies and nationwide efforts to stem the tide of youth drug abuse.

10:00 – 11:15 a Workshop H – Developing Leaders for the 21st Century
The world needs great leaders — individuals who think creatively and act boldly to address global,

political and social issues. This panel discusses what we must do in the African American community to create leaders ready to assume their place in the world.

11:00 a – 12:30 p Workshop I – Preparing Youth for the World of Work - Workforce Development and Productive Citizenship
Can we ensure that all of our youth have the tools that they need to succeed in the workforce and the world? We'll hear presenters tell us how it can be done

11:00 a – 12:30 p Workshop J – Youths Speak Out About Abstinence Listen to our young people talk about saying “no” and waiting.

12:30 – 2:00 p Lunch on Your Own

2:00 – 4:00 p Convention Showcase – Youth Debate on the Achievement Gap
Youth Teams from Baltimore, Philadelphia and the District of Columbia debate how to improve the academic achievement of youths of color

7:30 – 12:00 a Event: CBM Evening with Friends

SUNDAY, MAY 14 (Day 3)

9:00 – 10:00 a Transition meeting of Executive Committee

10:00 – 12:00 n Board of Delegates meeting (Members Only)



OUR HISTORY

Thirty-one (31) years ago, concern about the plight of Black children in Philadelphia's toughest neighborhoods pushed five (5) African American police officers to come together and plan after school activities for local youth. Soon, other African American men from around the city joined them in "*caring for our youth*,"[®] and thus Concerned Black Men was born. Today, the National Organization of Concerned Black Men provides out-of-school enrichment and prevention programs to African American children from disadvantaged communities throughout the country. Through the work of a nationwide network of volunteers located in 26 U.S. cities, and an experienced and credentialed staff located in Washington, DC, CBM continues to work for an America where every child has a responsible and caring adult in his or her life.



OUR MISSION

We, the members of the **Concerned Black Men – National Organization**, have committed ourselves in support of the social, emotional, academic and psychological development of African American youth. We offer ourselves as role models and pledge to help our children aspire to lofty goals and expectations. We pledge to protect, instruct, nurture and discipline — to trust, share, honor, and above all — to be there when needed. We will teach our youth that men and women build institutions and do not engage in self-destructive behavior. We will show our Nation's youth how to direct their energies to positive activities of benefit to all, and remind them that respect for self and others is expected of men and women of distinction. We will provide community leadership and encourage this society to place our children's needs first. In caring for our youth, we take our responsibility seriously, and will remember that the future of our children depends on our success. The Organization's Motto is "*caring for our youth*."

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