



We Are The Future.

College Enrollment, Admissions & Placement Workshops

Black & Latino Male Development & Education

Let's face it: Our young black and latino men are in trouble. They lead the nation in nearly every negative statistic associated with youth, e.g., crime and incarceration, earnings and poverty, education and school dropout, and health issues. Child First believes that all children deserve the opportunity for a high school education and beyond, and we believe that many of the problems confronting our young men cannot and will not be solved through legislation. Having successfully run for 22 years a program for black male development and college preparation at Morehouse College in Atlanta Ga., Child First is uniquely positioned to help young males understand the importance of and to develop stronger character and personal behavior as a means to more fulfilling future lives. Child First would like to provide your students, parents, staff and administrative staff, the vital tools for selecting and navigating the college application and admissions process through Child First's *College Enrollment, Admissions & Placement Workshops*.

College Discovery

The process of choosing the right college can be an arduous and oft-times frustrating process. It does not have to be. With all the various technologies available, including the various search engines, cell phone access to a multitude of applications, social networks, etc., it would seem that matching oneself to the perfect college could be a typical and brief adventure in technology. Certainly, the use of technology can help to make wading through the thousands of college choices and finding the right fit a much more efficient process—especially if at the root of the college choice process there is a *plan* for choosing the right fit. Sadly, for many of our students who have a dream for college but no viable plan, the college choice is made primarily based on peer, parental, or counselor influence. It is tragic that many students discover late in the senior year (or worse in the first year of college) that choosing the right college required a much greater *personal* investment of time and energy. Achieving the right fit between students and colleges can save time and money now and in the future by reducing the likelihood of dropout or transfer and by improving the chances for attaining the baccalaureate degree in four years.

The Child First staff has over 50 years of combined experience in high school and college environments. Through group and full assembly presentations, one-on-one advisement, and parent, teacher, and counselor workshops, Child First helps students and college choice influencers match student needs, talents, and abilities to colleges with the right academic, financial, social, cultural, and extracurricular fit.

College Admissions & Placement

Much like the process of choosing the right college, navigating the various application and admissions processes can be equally challenging. Child First understands the landscape of higher education admissions and is uniquely positioned to help students to develop appropriate plans to get through the college admissions process with minimal anxiety. In addition to providing support for the admissions process, Child First through higher education contacts developed over 37 years, can assist students in helping colleges know them better and thereby improve chances for actual admittance to and enrollment in the institution of choice.

This programming provides the tools and strategies not only for traditional high school graduates, but also for non-traditional students, including students who have opted for the junior or two-year college avenue toward the earning the baccalaureate degree. Child First is staffed to help students regardless of chosen path to fulfill the need for more of our young people to become four-year college graduates.