

# Administration - Children and Family Success: African American Male Engagement

**Priority Outcome:** Prioritizing Our Youth

**Service Number:** 109

**Fiscal 2022 Recommended Budget:** \$972,263

## Service Description

MOCFS incorporated these existing City programs when it was created in 2020: The Baltimore City Community Action Partnership (CAP) and its five community-based CAP Centers, Baltimore City Head Start, the Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement and oversight and staffing of the Baltimore City Youth Commission.

The Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement (MOAAME) creates a Community Collaborative Network and support structure to identify needs of Men and Boys of color. MOAAME coordinates, expands and advances policies and practices that promote opportunities for all of our identified population to help them achieve a successful and fulfilling life.

## Major Budget Items

- The recommended budget sustains funding for the Office of African American Male Engagement, transferred from Mayoralty, including 5 positions and funding for contractual employees doing street outreach.
- Mission 186, also identified as M186, takes strategic actions to facilitate awareness, access and accountability through quality connected relationships with the approximate 186,000 African American males (children, youth and adults) who reside within the 92.2 square miles of Baltimore City. This is done through collaboration with our partners, city-wide.
- Connect 2 Success (C2S) is capacity building process that provides programming and wrap-around services to address gaps in comprehensive resources for opportunity aged African-American males (14-24). The C2S process includes the year-round Squeegee Alternative Plan.
- The pandemic impacted MOAAME's overall program due to number of staff ( 5) infected with the virus. The C2S program had be suspended for a period of time as a result outreach and engagement dwindled