ABOUT ME
My name is LaToya Freeman. I have provided wraparound case management services to families in various communities in Sacramento county for 16 years. I have a passion for working with families due to my own hardships and circumstances that impacted my life, including childhood leukemia (ALL), child abuse, AOD parent, severe domestic violence, teen mom, perinatal inequality, child custody issues, homelessness, and lack of connection to community and family support. I was at the lowest point in my life when I realized that no one was coming to save me. Instead of allowing my circumstances to defeat me, I had faith in myself and my own abilities. I learned to navigate the various systems in my community and Sacramento county. I used them to help and empower myself and make a better life for my children, which in turn, allowed me to go to college, where I received a Social Service degree. After completing my education, I made it a life passion to use my education, I made it a life passion to

ABOUT THE BLACK CHILD LEGACY CAMPAIGN
The Black Child Legacy Campaign is the community-driven movement established by the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths, which is working to reduce deaths of African American children by 10% to 20% by 2020 in Sacramento county. Our goal is to provide families with the opportunity to be heard and acknowledged in a way that provides them with not only individualized case management, but addresses the family as a whole. We meet our families where they are. Our goal is to uplift them in order to invoke family healing and lasting change.

THE TOP LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH FOR BLACK CHILDREN
In Sacramento county, African American children die at twice the rate of any other race/ethnicity. The four leading causes of death are perinatal conditions, infant sleep-related deaths, child abuse, and neglect and third-party homicides. Learn more about this disparity from the Sacramento County Blue Ribbon Commission report and the report from the Child Death Review Team. From these reports, we have identified these areas as our Issue Areas:

1. Perinatal Conditions
2. Infant Safe sleep
3. Child Abuse and Neglect
4. Third party Homicide

OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
Seven neighborhoods have the highest numbers of African American child deaths in the county. These neighborhoods are where we focus our work.

A Community Incubator Lead (CIL) organization in each of these neighborhoods has been charged with prevention and intervention efforts to reduce disproportionate African American child deaths in these four causes of death. Our neighborhoods are:
1. Fruitridge/Stockton
2. Meadowview
3. Del Paso Heights
4. Liberty Towers
5. Oak Park
6. Valley High
7. Arden Arcade

FRUITRIDGE/STOCKTON CIL
Our site has many partners who help us:
1. Outside the Walls (Anger Counseling, Parenting,Clothing Closet)
2. PIVOT (Employment services and training)
3. Her Health First-Black Mother’s United (Perinatal Support/Dula Program)
4. Hooked On Fishing Not Violence (Youth Mentoring Program)
5. Partnership with Sacramento Kings (kings and Queens Rise/Rise Golf)

HEALING THE HOOD
We would like to highlight a specific program that is doing amazing work. In 2018 and 2019, we had ZERO youth killed by gun violence in the city of Sacramento, but then COVID-19 hit us with new trauma, isolation and uncertainty. BCLC’s Healing the Hood strategy brings together partners working across seven local neighborhoods to build opportunity and prevent and interrupt violence. Email raacd@shcenter.org for more information, resources, and services.
Fruitridge / Stockton