



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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CHILDREN SERVICES SEEKS AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE MENTORS

50 Simba Mentors Needed

Franklin County Children Services is seeking 50 African-American men to mentor children in the agency's care through its Simba Program.

"Often boys I see just want to know that a man cares about them and someone has their back. These boys need you to share time and give them a better chance at being the best men they can become," says FCCS Simba Director Daryle Cobb. "I have youth waiting to be placed with a mentor now and not enough men to match them with."

Simba is a culturally specific mentoring program for African-American boys to be matched with African-American men in the community. The men provide the boys with pathways for leadership, enrichment opportunities and helps instill pride in self and the community. Through consistent relationship building, the boys are empowered to reflect their new skills and knowledge in a positive and productive manner.

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