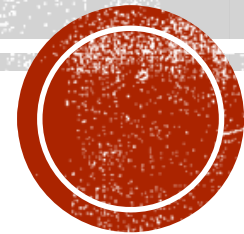


BLACK FATHERS IN TORONTO

Innovative Supports for Black Parents Initiative.

February 6th, 2018

Brandon Hay, MES



AGENDA

- Who is your speaker?
- What is Black Daddies Club?
- Gathering Our Voices Research Project (Themes)
- Challenges identified by Black Fathers in Toronto
- Opportunities for Black Fathers in Toronto
- What is Black Daddies Club doing in 2018?
- Staying connected with Black Daddies Club



BRANDON HAY, MES



- Founder of Black Daddies Club
- Training Manager at Building Up
- Father of three boys
- Graduate degree from York University and certification from Schulich School of Business
- Developed curriculum for Black Love Matters course at York University
- Board Member, OVO Youth project
- Project Coordinator for 360 research project with Urban Alliance on Race Relations and Ryerson University



WHAT IS BLACK DADDIES CLUB?

- Create spaces for Black fathers and Black men to address issues
- Work with media to change the negative narrative around Black fathers in Toronto
- Community based education



BDC PROGRAMMING

- Annual Family and Friends Picnic
- Summer Hikes at Rouge Valley Park
- Daddies and Me program
- Annual Flag football scrimmage
- Black Love Matters Course at York University
- Breaking Bread Brunches
- Black Love Matters Video campaign with CaribbeanTales Film Festival



BDC: GATHERING OUR VOICES RESEARCH PROJECT (THEMES)

Image provided by Zun Lee Black Fatherhood project



Partnership with U of T (OISE), York University and City of Toronto

- Role modeling
- Black fathers in the media
- Black fathers as role models
- Black Fathers as providers
- Black fathers being present



CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED BY BLACK FATHERS IN TORONTO



BARRIERS TO BEING A GOOD FATHER



- Family courts
- Employment challenges
- Media representation of Black fathers
- Educational attainment
- Interaction with children school
- Lack of community space for black men to share



RELATIONSHIPS

Love

vs.

Indebtedness



OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACK FATHERS IN TORONTO

- Creating spaces for us to talk about issues within our community
- Creating media campaign showing Black Fathers in Toronto in a positive light
- Creating policies within Ontario family court system that make co-parenting more accessible for Black fathers
- Having more equitable hiring policies that make it less challenging for Black fathers to find employment



UJIMA HOUSE



CREATING SPACES FOR BLACK FATHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**BDC Family & Friends Annual
Picnic (2016)**



**BDC Family & Friends Annual
Picnic (2009)**



Family Picnic @ Orono Park

CREATING SPACES FOR BLACK FATHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**BDC Daddies and Me Program
(2012)**



**BDC Family Flag Football
Scrimmage (2014)**



CREATING SPACES FOR BLACK FATHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

BDC Family Hikes (2014)



BDC Family Hikes (2016)



CREATING SPACES FOR BLACK FATHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

BDC Barbershop Discussions



Black Love Series (2013)



CREATING SPACES FOR BLACK FATHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

BDC Taboo Discussion Series

Monogamy, Is It Relevant (2008)



10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY: BLACK LOVE MATTERS UN-CONFERENCE (2016-2017)


Black Love Matters 2017 Un-Conference Course at York University (2017)

Breaking Bread Discussion Series (2016)



BLACK DADDIES CLUB IN 2018


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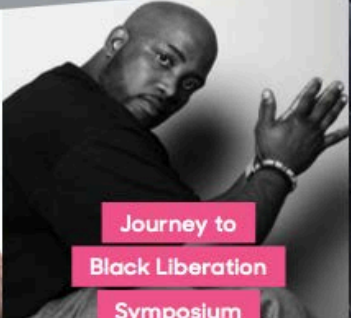
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The Daily Show's
Gina Yashere
Dat Gyal Funny!

Hosted by Trey Anthony
Saturday, February 24
Fleck Dance Theatre
Tickets \$35-45



Journey to
Black Liberation
Symposium

Curated by Brandon Hay
February 9-10
A series of cross-border discussions and panels on the meaning of black liberation
Free Admission / **Advanced Registration**



The Black
Liberation Ball

Guest Judge: Lelomy Maldonado
Saturday, February 10
Brigantine Room
Tickets \$10

- Journey to Black Liberation Symposium at Harbourfront Centre
- Free and open to public
- Friday, February 9th and Saturday, February 10th 2018
- Cross borders conversation with Black communities from Brazil, United Kingdom, United States, and Canada
- Black Masculinities, HIV, Womanism and Black Feminism, and Trans Freedom
- Black Liberation Ball (\$10)



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