



YOUNG MEN OF VALOR

Life Changers Community Development Corporation

"The Lord is with Thee, Thou Mighty Man of Valor"



YMOV Program

The Young Men Of Valor (YMOV) Rites of Passage Program is focused on preparing boys (**referred to programmatically as young men and protégés**) in essential areas of manhood.

Based on the principles of life transitions, this program seeks to develop **successive generations of men who understand their identity; purpose; and direction for a successful life as a family member, worker, community member, and productive citizen.**

YMOV Program

VISION: To build successive generations of knowledgeable and committed men who model leadership in school, family, and community.

MISSION: To instill in young men personal, social, educational, economic, health and historical/cultural knowledge that are essential to the development of a positive self-image toward reaching the highest human potential.

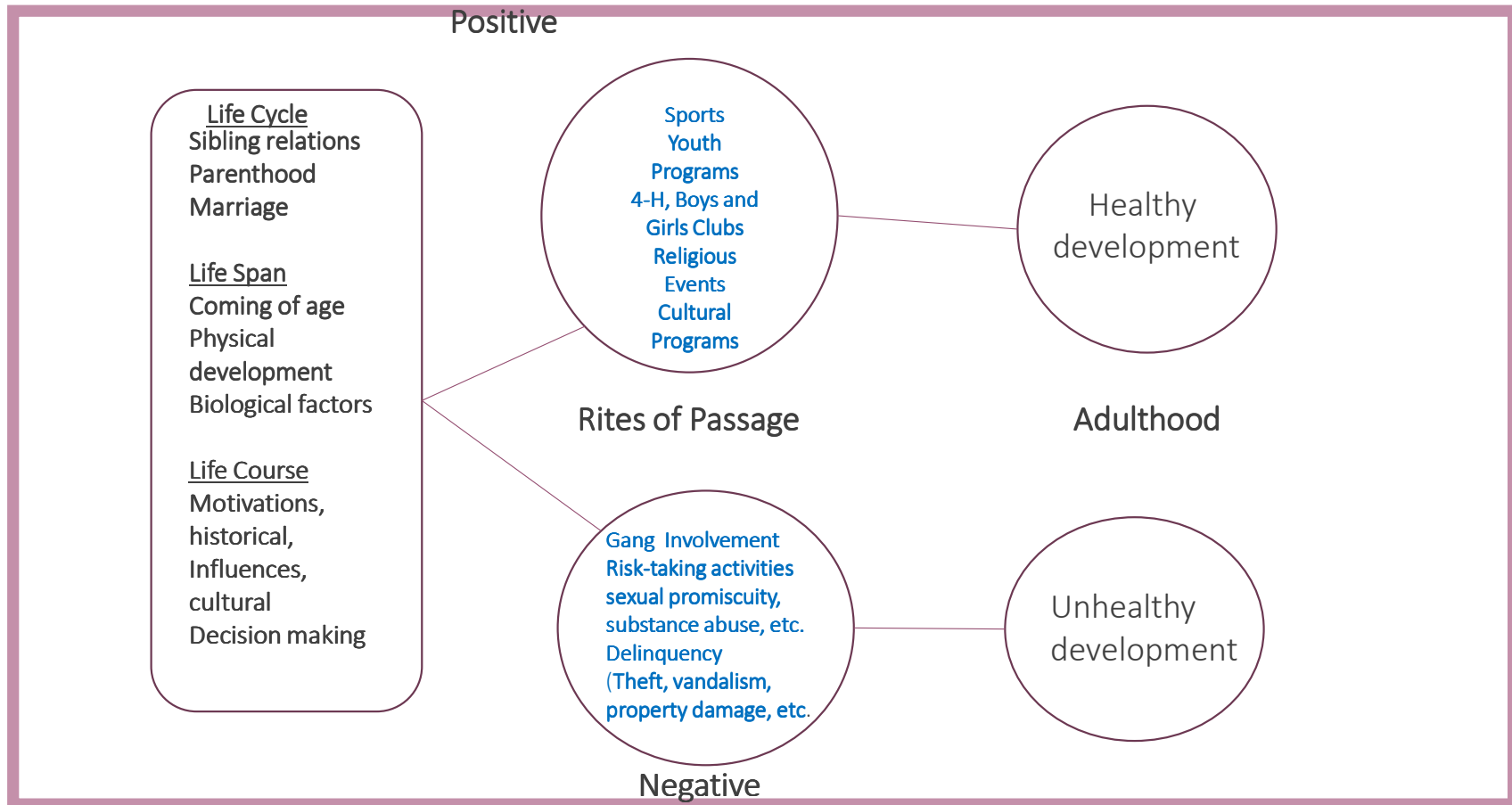
YMOV Program

- **Improved school attendance**
- **Improved class grades**
- **Improved achievement test scores**
- **Reduce Truancy**
- **Reduction in oppositional behavior**
- **Provide Mentoring Support**

YMOV Program

- ✓ Create a supportive setting for protégés;
- ✓ Promote a positive identity among protégés;
- ✓ Enable protégés to understand the importance of the transition from boyhood to manhood;
- ✓ Increase protégés knowledge of personal development; life skills; social skills; economics; health; and cultural history;
- ✓ Increase protégés understanding of the importance of getting of a good education by doing well in school;
- ✓ Increase participant's ability to take responsibility for their success in school and in life.

YMOV RITES OF PASSAGE MODEL DURING ADOLESCENCE



Young males are being mentored, but by the wrong role models



This cycle continues because we are not challenging it as effectively as it is supported by the streets/peers

YMOV Curriculum

The *YMOV Curriculum* is based on real experiences and challenges of youth, particularly male youth. Through interactive group sessions, speakers, mentors and tutorial support, the curriculum has six modules and offers schools and other community/faith-based organizations a guide to implementing effective rites of passage programming.

YMOV Program Contents

Personal Rites of Passage

Social Rites of Passage

Family Awareness Rites of Passage

Economic Rites of Passages

Physical/Health Rites of Passage

Historical Cultural Rites of Passage



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Personal Rites Of Passage

1. Personal Responsibility
2. Clarifying Values
3. Codes of Conduct
4. Manhood Sessions



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Social Rites Of Passage

1. Communications Skills
2. Coping With Discrimination
3. Decision Making
4. Dealing With Stress
5. Family Relationships



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Educational Rites Of Passage

1. Education
2. Emphasize proper behavior
3. Tutorial support (BCB)



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Economic Rites Of Passage

1. Financial Accountability
2. Understanding Money
3. Making a Budget
4. Future employment



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Physical / Health Rites Of Passage

1. Men's Health
2. Sexuality /STD
3. Reducing Sexual Risk
4. Dangers of Drugs
Alcohol, Tobacco



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Historical Cultural Rites Of Passage

1. Heritage
2. Culture
3. Understanding ethnicity
4. Rites Of Passage

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“OUR GOAL IS TO TURN YOUNG BOYS INTO MEN”