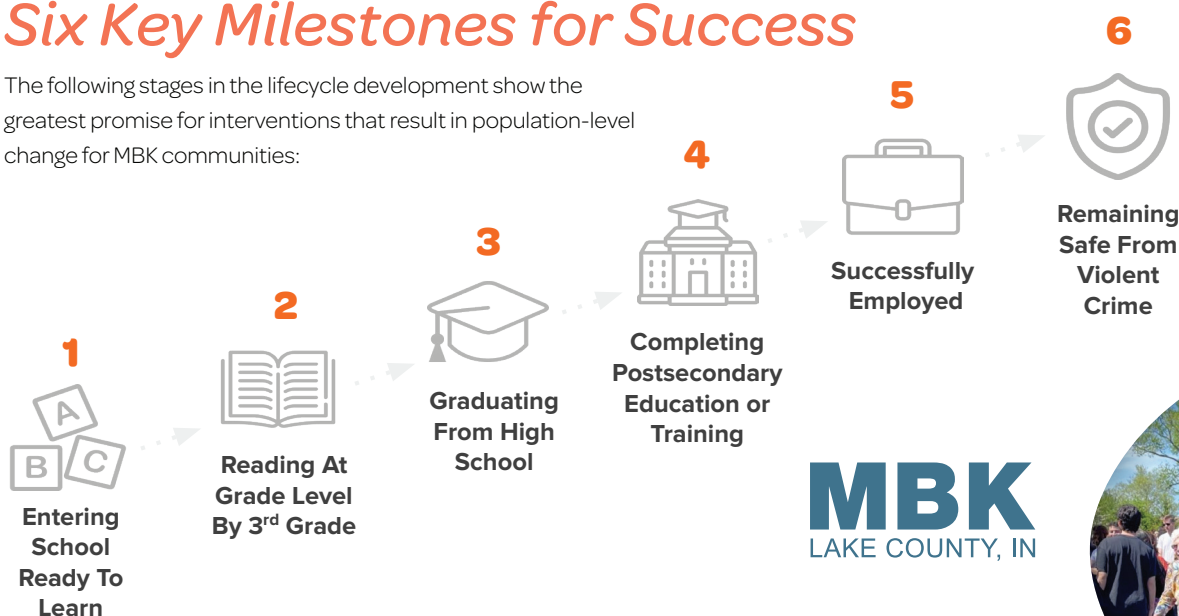


## Vision of My Brother's Keeper

MBK Lake County, IN, envisions a world where every BYMOC is a game changer. Together, we ignite the potential to transform our communities into vibrant spaces of growth and innovation, where equity is not just an aspiration but a reality, where every young man has access to the resources necessary to thrive, where the voices of boys and young men of color are heard, valued, and celebrated.

## Six Key Milestones for Success

The following stages in the lifecycle development show the greatest promise for interventions that result in population-level change for MBK communities:



## Student Testimonial

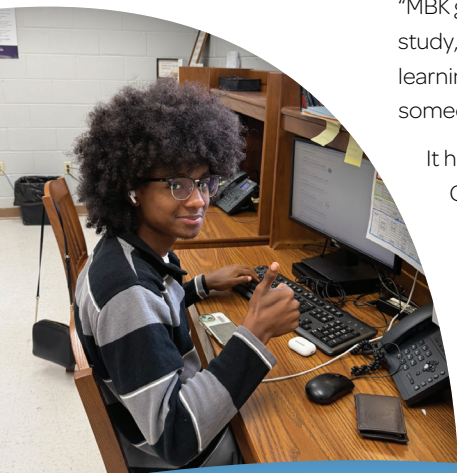
JAMES P.

"MBK gave me a paid summer internship where I was able to learn about my desired field of study, healthcare, and step outside of my comfort zone. There I gained valuable experience—learning how to speak professionally over the phone, schedule visits, and even help brighten someone's day while on a call.

It has exposed me to so many things. One highlight was traveling down state to meet legislators and visit Chicago State for an HBCU scholarship event. Even though I didn't win a scholarship since I was only a junior, I learned exactly what I need to do to prepare for my senior year.

MBK has taught me important life skills like punctuality, focus, and responsibility. MBK didn't just prepare me for school or for a job, it helped prepare me to be a man."

—James P., Rising Senior, Calumet High School



## High-Impact Initiatives

- **COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO** – In partnership with the Northern Indiana Chapter of The Links, MBK led 56 students to travel to Chicago State for a College Expo assisting them to secure \$372,000 in scholarship support.
- **STOP OPIOID AWARENESS CAMPAIGN** – Funded by the City of Gary, the STOP Campaign trains youth to be peer-to-peer educators to lead an awareness campaign on opioid misuse and abuse, educate youth and families on prevention, and share resources with the community.
- **SAILING CAMP** – In partnership with the City of East Chicago, the East Chicago Marina, Indiana Sailing Association, this two-week summer program builds confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills that are transferable to academic and professional pathways.
- **COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS** – Students share priorities and ideas informed by their lived experiences directly with educators, mentors, and local officials to drive positive personal and community change.



COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO



STOP OPIOID AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



SAILING CAMP

## Benefits of Joining An MBK Chapter

- **Career Readiness** – Job shadowing, interview prep, resume building
- **Academic Success** – Tutoring, dual credit courses, college prep
- **Leadership Development** – Peer mentorship, student-led initiatives
- **Community Engagement** – Listening sessions, service projects, partnerships with local organizations



MBK ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS

## Get Involved

- **Join or start** an MBK chapter at your school
- **Become** a mentor or volunteer
- **Partner with us** to provide opportunities for youth

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