EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES. CHANGING LIVES.

SOS PARTICIPANTS

The Save Our Sons program seeks to help economically disadvantaged African American men find jobs and have the opportunity to earn livable wages. This program completes these objectives by assisting the participants in obtaining post-secondary education, job training, teaching the imperative career skills and work ethic necessary to become successful employees while entering today’s workforce.

VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS

Be the change you want to see in your community. Join the movement to help our unemployed and underemployed African American men secure economic self-sufficiency. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis seeks caring, talented, giving individuals to help carry out the agency’s mission and goals. Without volunteers, the Urban League would be far more limited in what it can do for our community.
The Urban League’s Save Our Sons program seeks to help unemployed and underemployed African American men and others living in Ferguson and surrounding St. Louis County communities find gainful employment and have the opportunity to earn livable wages. Females in need of employment assistance are welcome to obtain services by contacting the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis Employment Department at 314.388.9840.

99% of Save Our Sons graduates received part-time or full-time employment.

7% PART-TIME EMPLOYED
92% FULL-TIME EMPLOYED

AGE OF PARTICIPANTS
- 36 and over 24%
- Ages 22-35 38%
- Ages 17-21 38%

Jobs for men of color continue to be a significant challenge, the Save Our Sons program helps men ages 17 and older to build soft skills, confidence, responsibility, references, networks and financial literacy.

STATUS OF MEN ENTERING SOS PROGRAM
Currently 54% of African American men graduate from high school, compared to more than 75% of their peers. Lacking a high school education often leads to elevated poverty and unemployment rates in the African American community.

- Fathers: 75%
- Unemployed: 97%
- Felony Convictions: 55%
- High School/GED: 94%
- No Income: 59%
- Public Assistance: 38%

AVERAGE RETENTION
96.71%

The Save Our Sons program has a 96.71% retention rate in graduates holding and keeping employment after completing 4-week curriculum.

SAVE OUR SONS CURRICULUM
This program completes these objectives by assisting the participants in obtaining post secondary education and job training and teaching the imperative career skills and work ethic necessary to become successful employees in today’s workforce.

- WEEK ONE: HOW TO GET A JOB
- WEEK TWO: HOW TO KEEP A JOB
- WEEK THREE: HOW TO GET PROMOTED
- WEEK FOUR: HOW TO REMAIN MARKETABLE IN THE WORKPLACE

OUR MISSION
The mission of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. is to empower African Americans and others throughout the region in securing economic self-reliance, social equality and civil rights.

OUR VISION
As the leading champion of empowerment and opportunity for African Americans, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis envisions a region where all people are:
- Valued members of the community;
- Can adequately support themselves and their families;
- Live in neighborhoods that are vibrant and thriving; and
- Share in the region’s prosperity and well-being.