

RESOURCE GUIDE

FOR AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN BLACK FAMILIES IN ONTARIO



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The Resource Guide for African & Caribbean Black Families in Ontario was coordinated by the Links to Justice project team at Black Legal Action Centre (BLAC) to provide a snapshot of some organizations that may be beneficial for families and youth when seeking culturally responsive services. Digital copies of the guide are also available online - please connect with us if you are a service provider and would like to have your organization added to our online version!

The Links to Justice project is an initiative focused on looking at the experiences of Black families and youth in relation to the School-to-Prison-Pipeline. We are connecting with the Black community across Ontario to provide spaces for mutual learning, increase access to resources and to advocate for meaningful change and policy reform within our justice and educational systems.

We reached out to various organizations in 8 regions across the province of Ontario to connect with parents, caregivers, youth, students and education and justice stakeholders, to gain insight on the unique and shared experiences of Black community members in terms of navigating anti-Black racism within the education system. A variety of methods were utilized including interviews, focus groups, discussion forums, and online sessions to connect directly with community members.

We will be sharing the results of our findings with school boards and justice stakeholders in Ontario and it will also be available to community members on the Black Legal Action Centre website.

www.blacklegalactioncentre.ca



Jody Yaa Dunn
Anti-Black Racism & Justice Program Manager



As the Project Manager, Jody Yaa is motivated to address the disparities and visible inequities that Black youth continue to face. With a wealth of experience in team management and developing culturally relevant program models, Jody has held positions within youth justice, and educational environments and has specialized training in Afrocentric program design and Restorative Justice practices.

She believes that policy reform and culturally responsive engagement can shift educational outcomes for students across Ontario and beyond.

Tiffany Taylor
Anti-Black Racism Community Engagement Coordinator



Tiffany Taylor is a passionate advocate for social justice and advancing the rights of vulnerable people in communities. She is committed to advocating for change in our justice and education systems for Black youth and families.

Due to her frontline experience in the field, Tiffany recognizes the importance of engaging with, and supporting Black families, educators, and justice stakeholders in making systems better for individuals to navigate.

Melissa Azore
Administrative Assistant



Melissa is proud to work for BLAC, where her lens on social justice can be put to good use. She is deeply passionate about all facets of promoting equity and challenging the intricate web of oppression faced by many around her, particularly as they relate to misogyny.

Melissa has worked for nearly two decades providing administrative support to high-functioning teams in organizations and multiple sectors in Toronto.

Kenneth Aliu
Anti-Black Racism Researcher



Kenneth is a dedicated scholar who has worked with the Federal Government and Public Safety Canada as a Junior Policy Analyst. Kenneth has a true passion for advocacy and research and is deeply committed to amplifying the voices of individuals and communities that have been marginalized by oppressive institutions.

DURHAM REGION



- **SIDE BY SIDE FAMILY SERVICES**
- **KUJENGA WELLNESS PROJECT**
- **DURHAM BLACK EDUCATORS NETWORK (DBEN)**
- **DURHAM BLACK STUDENTS NETWORK (DBSN)**
- **WOMXN OF COLOUR DURHAM COLLECTIVE (WOCDC)**
- **BLACK QUEENS OF DURHAM**
- **BLACK BUSINESS STARTUPS MATTER**
- **WOMEN'S MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE AND COUNSELLING CENTRE OF DURHAM**



PEEL REGION



- **Black Youth Student Success Initiative (BYSSI)**
- **Malton Neighbourhood Services**
- **Roots Community Services Inc.**
- **Free for All Foundation**
- **ResQ Youth International**
- **Black Community Action Network of Peel**
- **African Community Services of Peel**
- **Malton Black Development Association**
- **MOYO Health**
- **Together We Can (Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel)**
- **Black Community Advisory Council (BCAC) of the United Way of Greater Toronto**
- **H.M. Youth Foundation**
- **Patches 360 Inc.**

YORK REGION

- **Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)**
 - **York Youth Coalition**
 - **Black York Region Youth**
 - **York Communities for Public Education**
 - **York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities**
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Afro Canadian Caribbean Association Hamilton (ACCA)

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African Canadian Action Congress

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Rafiki Hamilton



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Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (HCCI)

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Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health (HCNH)

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Congolese Community of Hamilton

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Ghana Association of Hamilton Ontario



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Nigerian Canadian Association

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Occupy: Queer Racialized Alliance

LONDON

- **Youth Connect**
 - **W.E.A.N. Community Centre**
 - **African Canadian Federation of London and Area**
 - **African Community Council**
 - **Cultural Mentorship Program - Boys and Girls Club of London**
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OTTAWA

- **AFRICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA (ACAO)**
- **PARENTS FOR DIVERSITY**
- **AFRO-CARIBBEAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**
- **OTTAWA BLACK DIASPORA COALITION (OBDC)**
- **OTTAWA BLACK EDUCATORS NETWORK**



TORONTO



- Harriet Tubman Community Organization
- Stolen From Africa
- Taibu Community Health Centre
- Love Music Initiative
- Black Cap
- Delta Family Resource Centre
- Black Women in Motion
- JCA - Jamaican Canadian Association
- Tropicana Community Services
- Ujima House - Young & Potential Fathers
- CEE - Centre for Young Black Professionals
- RITES of Passage Program (WoodGreen)
- Lifted By Purpose
- African Canadian Heritage Association (ACHA)
- Women's Health In Women's Hands
- For Youth Initiative (FYI)



WINDSOR



FAMILY FUSE CANADA

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATION OF WINDSOR**

**WINDSOR AND DISTRICT
BLACK COALITION**

**BLACK WOMEN OF FORWARD
ACTION**

**MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF
WINDSOR AND ESSEX COUNTY**

WINDSOR YOUTH CENTRE



The Black Health Alliance is a community-led registered charity working to improve the health and well-being of Black communities in Canada. Their mission is to reduce the racial disparities in health outcomes and promote health and well-being for people from the diverse Black communities in Canada with emphasis on the broad determinants of health, including racism.

Driven by groundbreaking research, strong partnerships, and people, this movement continues to build innovative solutions to improve Black health and well-being, and mobilize people and financial resources to create lasting change in the lives of Black children, families and communities.

PTC Pathways to Care

Pathways to Care is a community-driven and youth-led systems change project committed to transforming the mental healthcare system for Black children,

TAIBU Community Health Centre, Wellesley Institute, the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH), and East Metro Youth Services partnered to build a project aimed at removing barriers and improving access to mental health and addictions services for Black children, youth and their families in 6 cities across Ontario.



Diversified Youth Initiative

Diversified Youth Initiative is focused on providing sustainable one-on-one/group mentorships, workshops, initiatives, consultations and events that empower youth & their families by providing them with life skills, leadership, volunteerism, training, employment and educational opportunities.

BLACK LEGAL ACTION CENTRE

Established in 2017, the Black Legal Action Centre (BLAC) is an independent not-for-profit community legal clinic that combats individual and systemic anti-Black racism by conducting research, engaging in structural transformation, and providing legal services to members of Ontario's Black communities. BLAC engages in advocacy, community development, law reform, test case litigation, and public legal education. BLAC is funded by Legal Aid Ontario and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.



BLACK LEGAL ACTION CENTRE



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Parents of Black Children

Parents of Black Children (PoBC) is an advocacy group formed to support and advocate on behalf of Black students and their parents.

We are working to address and dismantle anti-Black racism and systemic barriers within the education and adjacent systems. Our goal is to ensure that our Black children are able to access an equitable and peaceful education.

PoBC is also a safe and supportive place for parents and Black students to share their experiences and issues within the school system as well as develop strategies and recommendations to improve the experience of Black students within schools. PoBC has many educational resources available online for parents and students on their website.



Parents of
Black Children

STUDENT & FAMILY ADVOCATE PROGRAM

The Student and Family Advocate (SFA) Program is a Black community based program designed to support Black families and students as they engage with the education system.

There are 17 Black-led organizations with SFAs across Ontario.

No matter what type of support is required, the SFA's will stand beside you as you engage with your child's school.



Black Graduation Coaches

Did you know that in the province of Ontario, many school boards now have Black Graduation Coaches?

The Graduation Coach Program works with Black students and their families with the goal of seeing each student achieve credits, graduate, and successfully transition into their chosen post-secondary pathway.

Graduation Coaches provide targeted, culturally responsive supports and address service delivery gaps to facilitate the engagement, well-being, and academic achievement of Black students. To find out if Black Graduation Coaches are available in your region visit their website for more information.

CTO Education Services

CTO Child and Youth Educational Services is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2018.

We assist marginalized children, youth and their families who experience challenges in Ontario's Public Education System with respect to social determinants of health.



Youth Alliance for Intersectional Justice

Youth Alliance for Intersectional Justice (YAIJ) is a collective of Black and Indigenous youth, adults, and allies amplifying the voices of Black and Indigenous youth at the intersections of race and "ability".

Racialized youth defy intellectual and/or developmental dis/ability (DD/ID) labels by engaging in youth-centred, community-based projects and research focused on education, technology and entrepreneurship.

CONTACT DIRECTORY

All organizations highlighted in this printed copy of the Resource Guide are included in the directory. We recognize there are many organizations that may not be recognized in this Resource Guide due to limitations beyond our control - for a more extensive list of additional organizations in your region, or for French listings, please visit our website as we update it regularly with new services and programs available for the Black community!

DURHAM REGION

- SIDE BY SIDE FAMILY SERVICES - WWW.SIDEBYSIDEFAMILYCENTRE.ORG
- KUJENGA WELLNESS PROJECT - WWW.KUJENGAFAMILY.ORG
- DURHAM BLACK EDUCATORS NETWORK (DBEN) - WWW.DBEN.ORG
- DURHAM BLACK STUDENTS NETWORK (DBSN) -
WWW.BLACKSTUDENTSNETWORK.ORG
- WOMXN OF COLOUR DURHAM COLLECTIVE (WOCDC) - WWW.WOCDURHAM.CA
- BLACK QUEENS OF DURHAM - [FACEBOOK](#) & WWW.BLACKQUEENSOFDURHAM.CA
- WOMEN'S MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE AND COUNSELLING
CENTRE OF DURHAM - WWW.WMRCC.ORG
- BLACK BUSINESS STARTUPS MATTER - 416-662-4727 (WEBSITE COMING SOON!)

PEEL REGION

- BLACK YOUTH STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVE - WWW.BYSSI.CA
- MALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES - WWW.MNSINFO.ORG
- ROOTS COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. - WWW.ROOTSCS.ORG
- FREE FOR ALL FOUNDATION - WWW.FFAF.CA
- RESQ YOUTH INITIATIVE - WWW.RESQYOUTH.COM
- BLACK COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK OF PEEL - WWW.BCANPEEL.COM
- AFRICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES OF PEEL - WWW.AFRICANCOMMUNITYSERVICES.COM
- MALTON BLACK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - WWW.MALTONBDA.ORG
- MOYO HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES - WWW.MOYOHCS.CA
- TOGETHER WE CAN (BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS) - WWW.BIGSISTERLITTLESISTER.ORG
- BLACK COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER TORONTO



CONTACT

YORK REGION

- YORK YOUTH COALITION (INSTAGRAM)
- MARKHAM AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION (MACCA) - MACCA1987.COM
- BLACK YORK REGION YOUTH - WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/BLACKYOUTH.YORKREGION
- YORK COMMUNITIES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION - WWW.YORKCOMMUNITIESFORED.CA
- YORK REGION ALLIANCE OF AFRICAN CANADIAN COMMUNITIES - (INSTAGRAM)
WWW.YORKREGIONAACC.CA

HAMILTON

- AFRO CANADIAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION HAMILTON (ACCA) -
WWW.ACCAAMILTON.WIXSITE.COM/INFO
- AFRICAN CANADIAN ACTION CONGRESS - WWW.LEO-JOHNSON-426R.SQUARESPACE.COM
- RAFIKI HAMILTON - WWW.RAFIKIHAMILTON.COM
- HAMILTON CENTRE FOR CIVIC INCLUSION (HCCI) - WWW.HCCI.CA
- EMPOWERMENT SQUARED - WWW.EMPOWERMENTSQUARED.ORG
- HAMILTON CENTRE FOR NEWCOMER HEALTH (NCNH) - WWW.NEWCOMERHEALTH.CA
- GHANA ASSOCIATION OF HAMILTON ONTARIO -
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GHANAASSOCIATIONHAM
- NIGERIAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION - WWW.NCAGTA.COM
- CONGOLESE COMMUNITY OF HAMILTON (INSTAGRAM)
- OCCUPY: QUEER RACIALIZED ALLIANCE (INSTAGRAM)



LONDON

- YOUTH CONNECT - (INSTAGRAM)
- W.E.A.N. COMMUNITY CENTRE - WEANCOMMUNITYCENTRE.COM
- AFRICAN CANADIAN FEDERATION OF LONDON - WWW.ACFOLA.CA
- AFRICAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL - WWW.LONDONACC.CA
- CULTURAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF LONDON) -
WWW.BGCLONDON.CA

OTTAWA

- AFRICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA (CAAO) - WWW.ACAOTTAWA.COM
- PARENTS FOR DIVERSITY - WWW.PARENTSFORDIVERSITY.COM
- AFRO CARIBBEAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM - WWW.THEACMP.WPCOMSTAGING.COM
- OTTAWA BLACK DIASPORA COALITION (OBDC) - WWW.OBDC.CA
- OTTAWA BLACK EDUCATORS NETWORK (INSTAGRAM)

DIRECTORY

WINDSOR

- FAMILY FUSE - WWW.FAMILYFUUSE.CA
- WINDSOR AND DISTRICT BLACK COALITION - WWW.WINDSOR-COMMUNITIES.COM/AFRICAN-ORGAN-COALITION.PHP
- MULTICULTURAL DISTRICT OF WINDSOR AND ESSEX COUNTY - WWW.THEMCC.COM
- AFRICAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF WINDSOR - WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEACOW
- BLACK WOMEN OF FORWARD ACTION - WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEBWOF
- WINDSOR YOUTH CENTRE - WWW.DOWNTOWNMISSION.COM/WHAT-WE-DO/THE-WINDSOR-YOUTH-CENTRE

TORONTO

- HARRIET TUBMAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - WWW.TUBMANCOMMUNITY.ORG
- STOLEN FROM AFRICA - WWW.STOLENFROMAFRICA.ORG
- TAIBU COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE - WWW.TAIBUCHC.CA/EN
- LOVE MUSIC INITIATIVE - LOVEMUSICINITIATIVE.COM
- BLACK CAP - WWW.BLACKCAP.CA
- DELTA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE - WWW.DFRC.CA
- BLACK WOMEN IN MOTION - WWW.BLACKWOMENINMOTION.ORG
- JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION (JCA) - WWW.JCAONTARIO.ORG
- TROPICANA COMMUNITY SERVICES - WWW.TROPICANACOMMUNITY.ORG
- UJIMA HOUSE - YOUNG AND POTENTIAL FATHERS - WWW.YOUNGPFATHERS.ORG
- CEE - CENTRE FOR YOUNG BLACK PROFESSIONALS - WWW.CEETORONTO.ORG
- RITES OF PASSAGE (WOODGREEN) - WWW.WOODGREEN.ORG
- LIFTED BY PURPOSE - WWW.LIFTEDBYPURPOSE.COM
- AFRICAN CANADIAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION (ACHA) - WWW.ACHAONLINE.ORG
- FOR YOUTH INITIATIVE (FYI) - WWW.FORYOUTH.CA
- WOMEN'S HEALTH IN WOMEN'S HANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE - WWW.WHIWH.COM

PROVINCIAL RESOURCES

- BLACK HEALTH ALLIANCE (BHA) - WWW.BLACKHEALTHALLIANCE.CA
- PATHWAYS TO CARE - WWW.PATHWAYSTOCARE.CA
- DIVERSIFIED YOUTH SERVICES - WWW.DIVERSIFIEDYOUTH.COM
- BLACK LEGAL ACTION CENTRE (BLAC) - WWW.BLACKLEGALACTIONCENTRE.CA
- PARENTS OF BLACK CHILDREN - WWW.PARENTSOFBLOCKCHILDREN.ORG/RESOURCES
- STUDENT AND FAMILY ADVOCATE PROGRAM - WWW.STUDENTANDFAMILYADVOCATE.COM
- BLACK GRADUATION COACHES - [CHECK LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD WEBSITE](#)
- CTO EDUCATION SERVICES - WWW.CHALLENGINGTHEOUTCOME.COM
- YOUTH ALLIANCE FOR INTERSECTIONAL JUSTICE - WWW.YAIJ.ORG
- DIVERSIFIED YOUTH INITIATIVE - WWW.DIVERSIFIEDYOUTH.COM





CONTACT US!

For more information on culturally responsive resources or if you are an organization that would like to be included in our online digital Resource Hub of organizations and services for Black families in Ontario, please contact us via email at:

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