

# Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc.

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*(District Heights, Maryland)* The Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc. announced their *Take Charge Dads*, a fatherhood initiative for young fathers, ages 17-25. This comprehensive young fathers program is aimed at strengthening the parental skills of younger dads residing in Ward 7 of the District of Columbia. Life skills coaches for this program will be certified by the nationally acclaimed *100 Fathers, Inc.* organization and they will be supported by the *Children's Rights Fund*.

This program is made possible by a capacity building grant from the *East River Family Strengthening Collaborative and DC Child and Family Services Agency*.

According to Jerrod Mustaf, Executive Director of the Take Charge Program, "less than 12% of youth residing in Ward 7, live in dual-parent homes. This fact alone makes it vital that fathers are involved with their children and have the necessary skills and tools to develop a well-rounded child."

### About Take Charge

*Take Charge Program is a 501c3 non-profit specializing in juvenile gang and anti-bullying prevention, intervention, and family strengthening programs. Created as an alternative to detention, school expulsion and suspension, the program focuses on cultural awareness, family pride, and core values. Take Charge has been providing services to at-risk youth and their families in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area for over 27 years—assisting more than 500 families annually.*

*For more information on programs and services*

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