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Black in This District
In 1928, Zora Neale Hurston was a young woman in her late teens. She was a student at Lincoln Park Academy, a school for African American students in Lexington, Virginia. The photograph was taken by the author in 1928 at the age of 16. The photograph is in the public domain.

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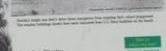
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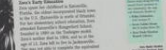
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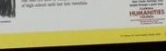
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Means Court Project

A Community Outreach Program
intended to stimulate growth in
the Means Court Area

Who Are We?

Resurrection Life Family Worship Center was founded in 1992, in partnership with Resurrection Life Economic Development Corporation is a 501(c) non-profit organization established in July of 2004. Our mission and scope of services include Education, Health, Community Development, Personal Development, and Economic Development that has shaped the need to support families in:

- Providing School Supplies
- Youth Outreach Ministry
- Youth Mentoring
- Etiquette Programs
- Elderly Outreach
- Summer Basketball Camps
- Midnight Basketball
- AAU Basketball Teams
- Scholarships
- Snack programs
- Hunger Outreach
- Church Services
- Music Ministry
- Family Ministries
- Prison Outreach
- SMART Summer Outreach



OBJECTIVE

ACQUIRE MEANS COURT FACILITY

WHY SHOULD WE ACQUIRE THE MEAN'S COURT FACILITY?

- Revitalize our community
- Change projected outcomes of at-risk youth
- Preserve the Legacy of Zora Neale Hurston

The Means Court Project

Is a community outreach program that will serve as a community incubator for displaced students and adults in order to nurture and grow this blighted area of Fort Pierce.

The incubator will house :

- Mental Health/Behavior Services
- Technical School
- Summer camp

The target(s) are:

- Youth That Have Dropped Out Of School
- Displaced Adults From The Workforce
- Youth



Mental Health & Behavior Services

Provide programming for

- school support
- parental involvement
- academic enrichment

IN ORDER TO

aid students and parents in the management of socially unacceptable behaviors and mental health needs.

2.7

Highest 10% in the state

Social Workers, Psychologists & Counselors per 1000 students

Behavioral and Mental Health Services



PROGRAMMING WOULD INCLUDE:

- Behavior specialist
- Behavior Techs
- Mental health counselors
- Resources to neighboring childcare facilities

TARGET SCHOOLS:

- CA Moore
- Dan McCarty
- Westwood High School
- Samuel Gaines
- Lakewood Park

Technical School



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TERNION TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTERS

In the evening, the school will house a technical school for displaced adults.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS CAN INCLUDE:

- Welding
- Plumbing
- Construction
- Mechanics
- Targeted careers for the Means Court community.



Mean Court Project Benefits

- Increase student graduation rate
- Increase the employment rate
- Stimulate growth in the blighted community
- College and Career Readiness
- Decrease crime in the community

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN ST. LUCIE SCHOOLS



Opportunity

1.5x

White students are 1.5 times as likely to be enrolled in at least one AP class as **Black** students.



Discipline

2.8x

Black students are 2.8 times as likely to be suspended as **White** students.



Segregation Index

Medium

Segregation between **Black** students and **White** students is Medium, indicating that the distribution of these two racial groups among schools in this district is relatively uneven

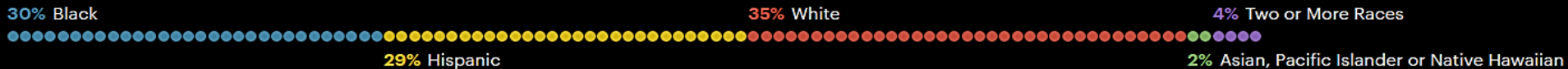


Achievement Gap

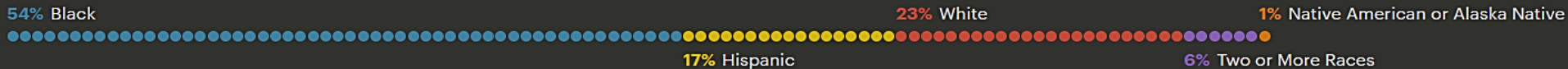
1.6 grades

Black students are, on average, academically 1.6 grades behind **White** students.

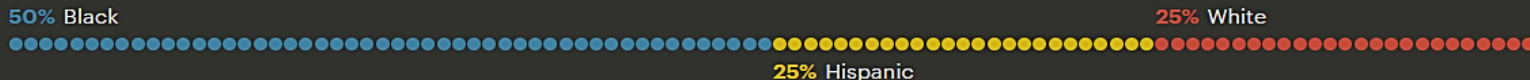
District Composition



Out-of-School Suspension Composition



Expulsion Composition



Partnerships

The Means Court Project goal is to partner with community agencies throughout Fort Pierce Florida to stimulate the Lincoln Park Area.



Means Court Potential Partnerships:

- City and County Commissioners
- School District
- Local Businesses
- Community Mental Health
- Ternion Technical School
- Fort Pierce Police Department
- Juvenile Justice
- Children Services Council
- Workforce Development
- Boy and Girls Club
- Recreation Department
- St. Lucie County Sheriff Office





FUNDING

Our immediate objective is to meet the needs of the kids in our community with a summer program that will help them prepare for next school year academically, socially, and emotionally.



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