

SOURCE's Partner of the Month – February 2017

Name of Organization: Elev8 Baltimore

Mission: Elev8 Baltimore's goal is to ensure that every student is ready to succeed in school and life.

Programs and Services: Elev8 Baltimore believes that it is important to reinforce the learning that goes on in classrooms with opportunities to learn during after- and summer-school programs. In addition, many young people need social services and other community resources. We integrate all those services into one dynamic program inside the school building, where many young people spend a considerable amount of time. By coordinating the delivery of learning, health and family engagement services students and families receive, we are more likely to foster lasting change in the lives of young people, and the systems that support them, than if we provided any one service in isolation.

Inspiration: Students have varying levels of support, challenges, and obstacles impeding their academic, intellectual, social, and emotion development. Elev8 Baltimore partners with schools, families and the community to make sure that every student is ready to succeed in school and in life.

Greatest Asset: Staff exhibiting in their daily practice exceptional -- cultural, social and contextual cultural/racial competence in serving students and families while knitting together optimal set of services, resources, supports and activities for the community being served.

Biggest Challenge: Creatively imploring existing best practices and newly researched evidence based practices to rapidly changing and challenging daily life experiences of the community being served related to familial, social, emotional, psychological, sexual and substance abuse issues.

Involvement Opportunities: We welcome academic and service organizational interns, seasoned practitioners, college students, adult volunteers, seniors who are interested in coaching, mentoring, supporting our students and families.

Volunteer and Work Opportunities: We welcome individuals to join our exciting summer program -- Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools as community readers to our students. We are also interested in the expertise of practitioners as potential partners in our work in the areas of: behavioral health, academic/educational/social activities supporting the growth and mastery of students in the out-of-school time and during the school day.



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