

# AT&T Aspire: Urban League of Greater Hartford Graduating Students, One Community at a Time



## Program Description:

For more than 18 years the Urban League of Greater Hartford's Youth Achievement Program has successfully assisted hundreds of at-risk high school youth in the Greater Hartford, Connecticut region to remain in school, be promoted to the next grade, graduate on time, and develop social skills to avoid suspension and expulsion.

**The AT&T Aspire Local High School Impact Initiative** will enable us to provide dropout prevention services, over a two-year period, to an additional cohort of 35 Hartford Public High School (HPHS) 9th and 10th grade students who are at risk of dropping out of school, to increase the chances that they will earn high school diplomas and be prepared for college and careers.

The program will use the **Check and Connect** model, an evidence-based educational intervention proven to increase the likelihood that youth will stay in school and graduate on time. The program will assess participants' school engagement and will design **individualized** support and intervention plans to increase the likelihood that participants will accumulate credits toward graduation, especially in core subjects, be promoted to the next grade and reduce problem behaviors.

- The Urban League of Greater Hartford, Inc. is a community based not-for-profit 501 (c) (3).

- The Urban League provides programs and services in the areas of: Workforce Development and Training; Youth and Education; Economic Enrichment.

- The Urban League of Greater Hartford is an affiliate of the National Urban League and was founded in 1964. The League provides services to **more than 3,000** area residents annually.

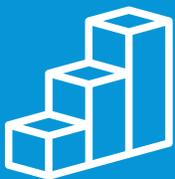
- Our Mission is to promote the self-empowerment of individuals in the Connecticut Capital Region to achieve educational, occupational and economic equality for themselves and their families.

*"When you have people who care about what happens to you, you try harder to succeed. Urban League staff members always show that they care about us."*

Turquan Calhoun, Senior, Hartford Public High School



**Students:**  
35



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\$210,000