

Welcome 2 Reality LLC, is happy to announce the launch of their nonprofit endeavor; Reality Based Services (RBS) Coming Soon!

Presently Reality Based Services has created a Virtual Platform called CHOP IT UP. CHOP IT UP was designed to create a global network for men of color to come together to share resources, tips, and information that can help men of color advance in life. Additionally, this is a non-therapeutic platform that allows men to just talk about any and everything with other men in a Judgement Free Zone. During chop it up we talk struggles, history, finances, and health & overall wellness. This group is designed to help men become the best man they can be. This platform is comprised of men from all walks of life and socio-economic status's. CHOP IT UP is not a support group, but we are here to encourage and guide each other when needed.

Additionally, Reality Based Services is in the process of launching a Youth based Program that allows youth to learn all aspects of media and become the owners of the content they create. All content will be create encourage and inspire other youth to achieve the greatness they all have inside of them. This program will also have a youth development component that will support them mentally and physically. Lastly this program will provide academic support to all participants who engage in the program.

Welcome 2 Reality is currently seeking donors and sponsors to support this most important initiative: Read all about the program below



REALITY BASED SERVICES (RBS)

RBS – programming aims to assist adolescents (ages 14-20 year old) from the community by giving them access to tools that build skills that can turn their dreams into reality despite how big or small the dream may be. Our skilled staff will conduct a thorough assessment of each individual entering the program. Based on the outcome of the assessment the coordinator and youth will create a plan of action that will lead them on the journey to achieving their group and individual goal(s).

RBS is comprised of an array of youth focused media literacy and youth development programs that were specifically designed to fill in the gaps in the Greater Waterbury community and beyond. Reality Based services will provide programming constructed to build self-esteem, self-confidence, artistic skills, and increase their understanding of media literacy etc., which will create future community leaders. Programming will also allow youth to establish independence and self-pride within their local community.

As social workers, educators, and community stakeholders we at RBS have had the opportunity to engage and interact with youth about what they feel they need in terms of programming to fully nurture their skills and pushed them to their capacity. RBS was informed that some programs leave them feeling unchallenged. RBS is designed for youth to provide ongoing assessments and feedback that will shape programming for themselves and their peers.

Unfortunately, a lack of access to tools and resources has caused constraints in achieving what many of the youth truly may have been destined to become. RBS has done a thorough community based provider analysis and has been able to determine where the gaps in services lie; and plan to address their needs by creating programming youth have defined as relevant to them. After surveying youth we have found they would like to have the opportunity to express themselves, creatively and artistically. Many youth have vocalized that if their creative aptitude goes un nurtured their desire and dreams will fade away, simply due to the lack of access of the tools they require to make their dream a reality.

This means their hopes of making a change will more than likely never come to fruition if they are simply never given the opportunity. For far too long that has been the narrative in the community for far too many.

In the 21st Century RBS can no longer idly sit by and watch, and continue to allow this to happen. RBS is on a mission to ensure that any youth with a dream to; dance, perform, write, sing, draw, rap, film, edit, mix, master, direct, produce, podcast, make music etc. has the access they need to realize their creative goals and dreams. We are committed to providing them with the platform, tools, and the programming they desire to manifest their dreams and expressions.

RBS will provide low to no cost artistic extracurricular activities for local public, private, and charter schools students who don't fit into the other after school pro-social programs within the city. We live in a media driven society that has narratives, images, and messages that contradict what most would define as appropriate. RBS programs are designed to help youth lead the charge in shaping a new narrative that will help other youth see truth in themselves and make their dreams a reality.

Today's youth have spoken and find some of the longstanding contemporary youth programming as boring and cookie cutter. Most of today's youth are immersed in the fast moving pace of technology and social media and unfortunately, art education and expression programs are rarely available to them and often times when available; parents and caregivers are unable to afford these program.