



# **Black Male Initiative**

## **Our Mission**

The Black Male Initiative Georgia (BMIGA) seeks to create effective outcomes for our communities by empowering black men economically and civically through the use of direct action, advocacy, and grassroots organizing. In doing so, we will be able to achieve our vision of a healthy, just, and equitable society.

## **Our Vision**

We envision a society where black men are supported, nourished, and empowered. One where our achievements are recognized and valued. Where deep and meaningful collaboration with black women is the cornerstone of our communities and where we harness our most powerful resources - the wisdom and passion of our elders and youth.

## **5 Pillars of Work**

### **Civil Engagement**

Our civic engagement pillar is dedicated to developing a powerful cadre of Black Men committed to serve as strategists and political operatives equipped with the skills necessary to advance our organizational agenda in order to secure the robust and lasting advancement that our communities deserve in order to create the just society we are fighting for!

### **Education**

The Education Pillar is dedicated to ensuring black men have full access to a wide array of educational opportunities that can enrich their lives personally and professionally.

### **Economic Empowerment**

Our Economic Empowerment Pillar is committed to fighting to see that such an investment becomes a reality. We also recognize the need to develop sustainable economic development within our own communities. We are focused on educating Black Men to use every economic tool at their disposal to aid in the full and proper care and liberation of our people.

### **Mental Health & Wellness**

The Black Mental Health & Wellness Pillar is dedicated to supporting Black Men with their mental and physical health and wellness journey. We encourage Black Men to take advantage of the spaces created for us to discuss our needs and to ensure that our health concerns and needs are taken seriously by our community.

### **Criminal Justice**

The Criminal Justice Pillar is committed to serving men and communities impacted by the criminal justice system. Historically, black men have borne the brunt of the criminal justice system. As a result, families and communities have been decimated and because of predatory laws, men at the mercy of the criminal justice system are being denied basic rights such as housing, education, employment, voting rights, and parental rights, amongst many others.