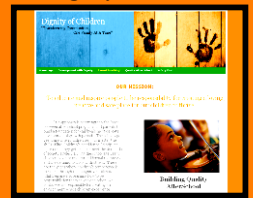




Dignity of Children, Inc.

Transforming Communities, One Family at a Time

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OUR MISSION:

To educate early childhood & after school professionals and parents in the creation of a loving, creative and safe place for our children to thrive! We are committed to building the bridge between school, home and community to sustain the dignity of our children.

Motivating Teens Now and Forever

Motivating the Teen Spirit™ (MTS) is a San Diego-based organization that assists teenagers in the process of self-development and achievement through phenomenal teen-centered seminars. MTS is founded on a model of intra-personal development which ultimately expands outwards through empowerment and the ability to make integrity-based decisions.

By working directly with teenagers, MTS has a straight-forward approach to confronting teenage drop-out rates and suspensions, teen pregnancies, juvenile incarcerations, drug abuse, suicide and the exhaustive list of predicaments that continue to challenge this age-group. MTS offers workshops specifically designed to assist teenagers in discovering themselves and their true potential. Their innovative, experiential workshops address topics such as Emotional Literacy, Integrity Building and Dealing with Pressure. All of its workshops empower teenagers to explore all facets of themselves as a foundation for cultivating positive and productive lives. These are not 'one-shot' workshops, rather the skills and insight teenagers acquire are re-applied throughout their lives. With a 15 year proven track-record of success, the "Safe Space" workshop assists returning teenagers in revisiting their past growth and commitment while sustaining their journey of success.

Much like its philosophy, *Motivating the Teen Spirit* extends beyond the limits of San Diego County, having served both national and international organizations. Its endless list of clientele includes countless school systems, juvenile systems, faith-based organizations, and corporations: Los Angeles Unified Schools, Universal Truth Center, California Department of Corrections, Crenshaw Christian Church, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Target Excellence Organization, Warner Brothers, Inc., Upward Bound NY and Time Warner, Inc.

Despite this impressive clientele list, the most important beneficiaries of MTS are the more than 110,000 teenagers it has served and the many more to come.

For more information about MTS and its services, visit
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SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to **Rev. Gena Camille Jefferson, LCSW** for completing her certification to be an East Coast facilitator for *Motivating the Teen Spirit*. She is an educator, licensed clinical social worker, youth counselor and advocate. Dedicated to creating environments where young people feel safe, empowered and free to express their individuality, Rev. Jefferson has spent the past 19 years working with adolescents in the NYC school system and training others in the field. She is also an Ordained Interfaith Minister and leads the Youth Ministry at *Sacred Center New York*.

Congratulations **Reverend Gena C. Jefferson** for being Dignity of Children, Inc.'s April Spotlight of the Month!

To set up a workshop for your organization, you may contact Ms. Jefferson at Gena4MTS@gmail.com or (646) 621-6325.

