

Express H.O.M.E. Program

(Helping Others Magnify Education)

Executive Summary

OUR MISSION

To develop and implement informative educational programs that can benefit a specific person, group or an entire community. Services and programs are implemented through collaborations, a variety of classes, untraditional training, peer-peer teaching, workshops, seminars, and expositions.

OUR HISTORY

Express H.O.M.E. Program, Inc. was founded and developed by Jacqueline D. Bosby (formally Hill). Through a process of elimination in services it evolved and originated to help others. In 1982 while in Misawa Japan the E-4 Below Referral Service was developed to help low grade military families adjust to the culture shock of being away from home. During this time we assisted in helping find housing, and services that was needed for the young families to survive in a new country with no family. The program evolved and was brought back to the United States. Even though at this time this service only developed and implemented various programs to help the Military low ranking personnel. In 1986 the program was registered as a non-profit organization in Illinois and the name was changed to TB Express H.O.M.E. Program, the HOME acronyms stood for Helping Others Maintain Employment, and the focus was the homeless and the Military. The main goal of the program was to help individuals find the training needed to get a job and keep it, with hopes this would keep them from becoming homeless.

In 1988 TB was dropped from the name and programs expanded to service the low-to-no income population with a strong emphasis on the homeless population dropping the services to the Military. Working very closely with the local government in Maywood Illinois many housing programs were developed. From 1989-1991 A transitional shelter for homeless women and children was opened. During this time the Express H.O.M.E. Program was a complete referral base and day shelter for all homeless implementing educational and motivational training programs on a daily basis. Working as a housing counselor, partnering with Home Depot a First Step Housing Program was implemented. This program was a 3 month program teaching budgeting, credit counseling, basic home repairs and demonstration's and buying a new home. The City of Maywood received a grant that was administered through the Maywood Housing Authority for residents that completed the program would get up to a \$50,000.00 loan to purchase a home. 9 Families were able to complete our program and gained assistance purchasing their homes.

In 1991 the shelter restructured, only runaways and unwanted teens were able to stay in the shelter overnight. Many resource and educational programs were developed and implemented for the shelter, other shelters, non-profit organizations, and the local schools catering to homeless children. In 1999 the shelter was closed in order to prepare to relocate to Athens, Ga. in June 2000. The Express H.O.M.E. Program incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1991, and has had a final ruling of a 501(c)(3) federal exempt status since 1995. In 1989 Joynt Production Network was developed in order to fund various services and educational programs for the Express H.O.M.E. Program. In 1992 Joynt Production Network-Educational Programs was developed and many educational and informative programs were created and implemented. In 1993 Michael and Jacqueline combined their two organizations and created a program they called Media Education which was implemented in Maywood, Illinois. Over 300 shows were produced and aired. By networking with 59 separate Organizations many programs were implemented and taped for airing. Services were provided to metropolitan Chicago and its surrounding suburbs through TCI of Illinois and the AT&T Cable Networks.

In 2006 we teamed up with the Georgia Clients Council, Inc. to continue to provide services to rural Georgia which included working on the R-BEN Project funded by USDA in 2013.

So, what makes us qualified? Express HOME Program, Inc. has proven year after year program after program, that they have passion and drive which continues to makes them seek solutions for community needs