



Fact

The unemployment rate for African American male's is twice the rate of whites. The overall economic status of black Americans is still just 57% that of their white counterparts.

Closing the Gap

Since 2000, more than 1,000 adults received help from the ULGM Job Services Network Program and found stable employment. The program's annual placement and retention rates exceed industry standards.



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Fact

Nearly 80% of African American students in Madison's public schools are living in poverty. Fewer than 60% of students living in poverty received proficient or higher scores on Wisconsin's Measurement of Academic Progress test.

Closing the Gap

The Schools of Hope Middle School Mathematics Program matches tutors with students in eleven middle schools to ensure that they are prepared to successfully complete algebra when they enter high school.



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Fact

Youth that volunteer are nearly 50% more likely say that they are very likely to graduate from a four-year college, and almost 40% more likely to believe that they can make some difference or a great deal of difference in their community.

Closing the Gap

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Achieving Greatness Through Service Program promotes cross-cultural understanding while simultaneously teaching students leadership skills and promoting youth volunteerism.



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Fact

The per capita income for African Americans in Dane County is \$13,622 compared with \$23,348 for whites.

Closing the Gap

The Urban League-led Medical Administrative Training Partnership, a customized workforce training program, expands this year to 40 participants, up from last year's 15. More than 80% of participants have secured full-time, career-ladder jobs with benefits.



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Fact

25% of Dane County middle and high school students expressed concern over having enough skills and training to get a job; 34% expressed concern about knowing how and where to apply for jobs.

Closing the Gap

Project REACH targets 8th and 9th grade students, providing financial literacy education, career awareness, employment skills training, academic support and enrichment, and summer internships.



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Fact

African Americans in Dane County are 7 times more likely to be denied a mortgage. Only 18% are homeowners, compared to 61% of their white counterparts.

Closing the Gap

Through the Single Family Home Ownership Program, 50 families, including more than 125 children, are on their way to owning nearly \$8 million in real estate.



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Fact

85% of youths in prison, more than 70% of high school dropouts, and more than 60% of youths who commit suicide, grew up in a fatherless home.

Closing the Gap

The Fatherhood Responsibility Program strengthens families by helping non-custodial fathers improve their employment opportunities, increase involvement with their children, and manage their child support obligations.



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Fact

African American males over 25 with a college degree have a higher employment rate than their white counterparts (82% versus 77%).

Closing the Gap

Project Bootstrap provides additional academic tutoring, career exploration, and post-secondary planning services to students in the Madison and Sun Prairie school districts.



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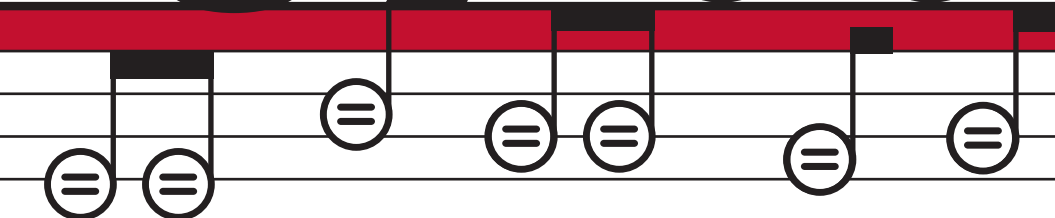
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