



Who We Are

Network for the Development of Children of African Descent (NdCAD) is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization established in 1997. We are a family education center that focuses on literacy and cultural enrichment. We serve children, families, and educators throughout the metropolitan areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. Our goal is to positively impact children's cultural, spiritual, and academic development.

Our Mission:

We exist to strengthen the cultural connections within communities of African descent that promote, sustain, and enhance the healthy development of our children.

What We Do

We identify and mobilize resources and expertise from within African descent communities in order to 1) prepare children for success in school; 2) prepare parents and adults who work with children to effectively meet their social and academic needs; and 3) promote and advocate for systemic change.

What We Have Available

NdCAD provides a variety of information and resource services aimed at helping the community help children succeed in school and life.

- **African Child Development Resource Lending Library** – A culturally-specific collection of books, videos, and other materials available for loan to parents, child care providers, and educators.
- **Training/Adult Education** – Culturally-based child development and education training workshops for adults who work with or care for children.
- **Free Children's Books & Family Reading Activities** – Free books made available to children at our book distribution center as well as at community events and in neighborhoods. Also available, family literacy activities that help parents help children develop good reading habits.
- **Sankofa Reading Tutorial Program** – After-school reading tutorial program for youth in grades K-8. The tutoring program uses scientific, research-based methods to help children improve reading skills, test scores, and learn to love reading.
- **"Parent Power" Literacy & Advocacy Training Workshops** – Training and coaching that helps parents build a strong literacy foundation in the home and helps them advocate for children at school.
- **Community Service** – Opportunities to be active agents of change within the community.

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