

November, 2018

To the residents of Neighborhood Planning Unit V:

The undersigned are members of a cohort focused on improving community relationships and creating the building blocks of a community-wide collaboration in NPU-V. Our goal is to support community activism, organizing, and advocacy and provide impactful services.

The current climate in our country calls for more intentional community engagement to create space for community members to connect, raise concerns, build power and act in their own interests. Organizations must demonstrate a willingness to support discussions to understand and dismantle structural racism and respond to community needs and ideas.

With support from The Annie E. Casey Foundation, the cohort participated in sessions and coaching, and completed a community engagement assessment facilitated by CommunityBuild Ventures. These learning opportunities have positioned the organizations to grow in partnership with one another and define a vision beyond the participating organizations.

With this open letter, we are committed to strengthening our synergy to leverage “resources” (human capital, lived experiences, community leadership, organizational resources, etc.) to contribute to community transformation. We will demonstrate a willingness to support community building by listening to the hopes, dreams, needs, and voices of the community. We will be responsive to what we hear by incorporating the community values, needs, and wants into our activities. We pledge that our organizations’ board and staff will grow to reflect the community.

We make these commitments in appreciation of the community efforts already underway to create a vibrant, thriving NPU-V. Please join us at the first Open House hosted by The Center for Working Families on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will give an update on our collective work and draft vision, listen to your feedback on the draft vision and ideas for how our organizations should work in partnership with the residents of NPU-V towards our collective vision and celebrate the holiday season!

To register for the Open House held Tuesday, December 18th please contact Geraldine @ (404) 223-3303.

Regards,



TO BUILD A MOVEMENT FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE, BY ENGAGING DIRECTLY AFFECTED WOMEN TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS.

LENG LENG CHANCEY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Center for  
Working Families, Inc.

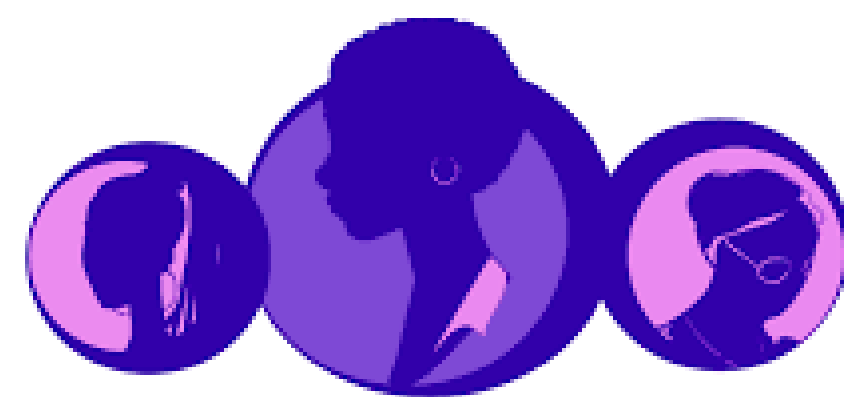
TO ADVANCE ECONOMIC SUCCESS FOR HARD-WORKING FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND ASSET BUILDING.

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PRESIDENT & CEO



TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND OPINION LEADERS ABOUT THE NEED TO REDUCE VIOLENCE AND MILITARISM IN SOCIETY, AND REDIRECT EXCESSIVE MILITARY SPENDING TO UNMET HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS.

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GREG COLE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



TO SUPPORT AND COORDINATE THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS OF OUR DIVERSE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

TAMIEKA ATKINS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR