

The WYTV7 Community Broadcast Network (CBN) is dedicated to supporting communities and visionary individuals who are building power to dismantle the structural systems that disproportionately harm minority men and women. As community liaisons, we recognize the growing racial and social injustice divides, which are increasingly viewed through an **intergenerational and intersectional** lens, reflecting how race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and economic status converge in people's lives.

The **WYTV7 CBN Youth Programs (Mentoring)** directly addresses these systemic challenges through six core service components:

Financial Literacy

Entrepreneurship

Work Readiness/Employability

College/ Scholarship and Vocational School

Health and Wellness

Civic Engagement, Interpersonal Skills

This summary serves as the foundational step for collaborative work with **Mecklenburg County** to achieve shared youth development goals. Our strategy is built on stakeholder input and emphasizes creating clear pathways to opportunity—including meaningful connections and safe, stable environments—for all young people, especially the most vulnerable youth disconnected from school, work, or family. This disconnected population costs the nation billions annually in lost potential and services, reinforcing the need for a coordinated approach across services (e.g., mental health, transportation, housing) and critical grant coordination.

The WYTV7 CBN Youth Programs plan is founded on three overarching and interrelated strategic goals:

1. **Collaboration and Coordination:** Promote coordinated strategies to align and simplify youth program guidance and funding across federal, state, and local levels.
2. **Evidence-based and Innovative Strategies:** Encourage the adoption of proven strategies while supporting innovation to deepen the evidence base for youth support.
3. **Youth Engagement and Partnerships:** Strengthen programs by promoting youth-adult partnerships and providing multiple opportunities for youth to develop critical life, leadership, and literacy skills.

Successful implementation will be guided by cross-cutting initiatives to centralize data, standardize language, and promote long-term evaluation, ensuring maximum positive outcomes for youth. This program began in March 2022 and is **ongoing to all high school students**.