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## ~ CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH ~

Black American history isn't confined to a calendar month. It's a vibrant and ongoing narrative, a continuous march toward understanding and progress. At In Reach, we embrace this living narrative, where learning fuels progress and acknowledgment sparks positive change. For the past three years, we've nurtured a new vision, mission, and guiding principles. Now, with a renewed identity reflected in our upcoming logo, we're ready to fully step into this future.

Our 24-year journey has been rooted in direct service work, focusing on K-12 education and supporting children, youth, and families. Today, we're evolving, shifting our focus to empowering individuals to be effective advocates for themselves and their communities. Under the banner of advocacy, we'll champion initiatives in literacy, youth engagement, health, and civic participation. We remain dedicated to collaborative partnerships, working hand-in-hand with diverse stakeholders to drive positive change. Our ultimate goal? To equip individuals with the information, resources, and tools they need to "level up" and unite for a cause, creating a ripple effect of empowered voices and collective action.

Join us on this exciting journey as we build a community where individuals rise, voices amplify, and change resonates. Stay tuned. Lots more to come.

Toni A. Smith  
Executive Director

## ~ 5 WAYS YOU CAN SHOW LOVE FOR LEARNING ~



**#1 - Learn Black History. Do you know about The Black Male Archives? Well, now you do. Visit [theblackmalearchives.com](http://theblackmalearchives.com) whose mission is "to capture, curate, and promote positive stories about Black Males across the world while inspiring and informing younger generations."**



**#2 - Did you know that according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 3 women, 1 in 10 men, and 1 in 2 transgender individuals experience dating violence during their college years?**

**[Watch Episode 4 of Teens Talk Television Season 3: The College Experience, Dating While In College, to learn more.](#)**

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#3 - Looking for scholarships, job training information, or other opportunities? Visit our [Opportunities page](#) to see a current list of scholarships and other resources.



#4 - Speak Up! Do you know who your local legislative leaders are? Do you know which bills are being presented this legislative season that could impact you, your family, and your community? [Visit the Prince George's County House Delegation Legislation 2024 page](#) to learn more. Not in Prince George's County? Check your jurisdiction's government website.



#5 - Now through February 29, when you purchase a Love Yourself T-shirt or hoodie from our [Merch store](#) receive 10% off or 15% off books listed on our Black History lists.



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