



JAMES LAWSON  
**FREEDOM**  
SCHOOL

**November, 2022**



**National Native American Heritage Month— is celebrated to honor the remarkable Native Americans who have contributed a lot to improve the character of the nation.**

### **THE FREEDOM SCHOOLS PROGRAM MODEL**

Freedom Schools engage young adults, parents, community leaders, and community-based organizations to create supportive and nurturing environments that set high expectations for all children, strengthen their sense of self-worth, and affirm that they are loved and valued by caring adults. The program is centered on five essential components —

- High-quality academic programming
- Civic engagement and social action
- Intergenerational leadership development
- Parent and community involvement
- Nutrition, health and mental health supports



Established and led by Resurrected Community Development Corporation (RCDC), the James Lawson Freedom School in Allentown is the first and only CDF-certified Freedom School in the Lehigh Valley. By employing the CDF Freedom Schools model, the James Lawson Freedom School empowers school-age children to excel and believe in their ability to make a difference in themselves, their families, communities, country and world with hope, education and action.

**Empowering our community through virtue & promise.**

# CDF Freedom Schools® Program Overview



The CDF Freedom Schools program incorporates the totality of CDF's mission by fostering environments that support children and young adults (known as "scholars") to excel and believe in their ability. The CDF Freedom Schools program enhances children's motivation to read and makes them feel good about learning. At the same time, the program connects families to the right resources in their communities.

By providing K-12 scholars with rich, culturally relevant pedagogy and high quality books that deepen scholars' understanding of themselves and all they have in common with others in a multiracial, multicultural democratic society, CDF Freedom Schools programs further empowers scholars to believe in their ability and responsibility to make a difference while instilling in them a love of reading to help them avoid summer learning loss.

## A Word From the Director



### ***Vote like our children's future depends on it***

Don't overlook local and state candidates and issues that can directly impact the future of our children.

The public health and economic crises that has suffocated our nation by impacting the lives of millions and resulting in the disproportionate death of Black and Latinx youth and families continues to magnify the underlying fundamental inequities that have plagued people of color and people living in poverty for decades.

I encourage you to support candidates and ballot initiatives that invest in systemic, place-based work designed to eliminate disparities and improve outcomes for every child and every family. This includes shifting public resources to support local community partnerships that are leading efforts to improve equitable outcomes for all.

As you vote this year, take a close look at the issues and candidates that will have the greatest impact on youth and families. We must replace careless political leadership that puts the desires of the rich and the powerful ahead of the needs of children and people to ensure equal justice and care for all.

See you at the polls on November 8th!

Katarah Jordan- Director

## ***Our Partner. DaVinci Science Center***



We are excited to be partnering with the DaVinci Science Center for summer 2023. We will be working together to bring Science to our James Lawson Freedom School classrooms. DaVinci provides leadership in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) education throughout the area. Our scholars will get the opportunity to work with their trained Summer Learning Educators on a daily basis. Keep an eye out for more to come!

### ***Mission***

***To bring science to life and lives to science***

