

## WHO WE ARE

Operation REACH, Inc. (ORI) is a national, non-profit organization founded by Dr. Kyshun Webster, that engages, empowers and inspires children, youth and families through innovative community-based learning opportunities. ORI is also one of the only Louisiana-born organization to receive funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service for national expansion.

## OUR HISTORY

New Orleans native and public school graduate Dr. Kyshun Webster, founder is a nationally recognized educator and certified teacher who has worked in the nonprofit sector as a community educator since he was 12 years old with the start of his own at-home peer tutoring program. Raised in the St. Bernard Housing Development, he returned there to start his first formal after-school tutorial program in 1998. Later recognized by the Tiger Woods Sharing and Caring Award Program, Dr. Webster was declared a "local hero." In 1999, he officially incorporated Operation REACH, Inc.

Dr. Webster latest endeavors focus on the implementation of parental involvement programs required under the federal No Child Left Behind policy. Additionally, he has been utilized as a policy consultant and expert witness for legislative initiatives on parental involvement in education, for both the Minnesota and Louisiana Legislatures.

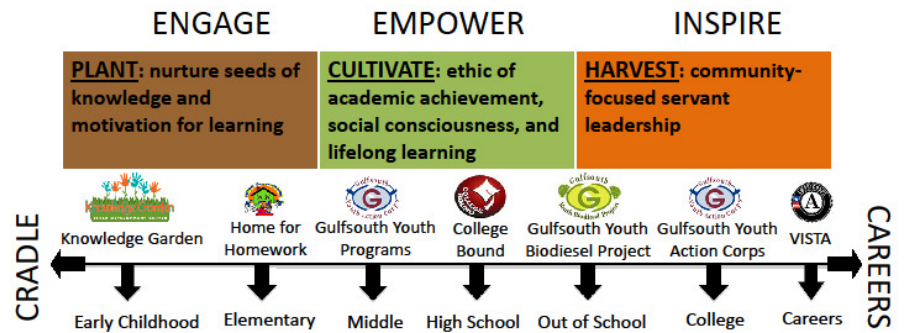


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*"Let the community know that there are youth who are willing to help, willing to try and make a difference."*

*-Gulfsouth Youth Action Fund  
Youth Advisory Board Member*

## Program Pipeline



ORI has developed a cradle to career pipeline of educational programs to maximize and enhance student learning in the after-school hours; engage college students in their communities; increase parental involvement in the education system; and empower children, youth and families to become leaders of progressive change in their communities. In 2008, Operation REACH's signature Gulfsouth Youth Action Corps brought this philosophy of youth-focused community education from New Orleans to the Atlanta, Mobile and Birmingham areas through partnerships with progressive youth organizations. ORI's programs offer opportunities for children and youth ages 6 weeks to 25 years old.