

## **Black-led/Intentionally Black-Serving Organizations**

This list includes organizations/groups that are Black-led and/or intentionally serve Black communities in Texas. We offer this list as a starting place to support localized efforts, and encourage you to research additional organizations in your community.

**AFIYA Center** statewide-serving, based in Dallas, TX

The AFIYA center's mission is to serve Black women and girls by transforming their relationship with their sexual and reproductive health through addressing the consequences of reproductive oppression.

**allgo** statewide-serving Texas, based in Austin, TX

allgo, a statewide queer people of color organization, celebrates and nurtures vibrant QPOC communities in Texas and beyond. We do this through cultural arts, wellness, and social justice.

**Austin Area Urban League** serving the greater Austin, TX area

The National Urban League's mission is to enable African Americans and other underserved urban residents to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights. Additionally, the Austin Area Urban League's mission is to provide tools to African Americans and under-served populations to build a foundation for social and economic equality.

**Black Futures Lab** serving Black communities locally, statewide and nationally

The Black Futures Lab transforms Black communities into constituencies that change the way power operates—locally, statewide and nationally. Black Futures Lab has two programs: the Black Imagination Incubator and the Shirley Chisholm “Unbought and Unbossed” Black Politics Project.

**Black Lives Matter**, nationwide with local chapters

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives.

**BlackMamas ATX** serving the greater Austin, TX area

We are a group of everyday women dedicated to an extraordinary movement to save the lives of Black mothers. The Black Mamas Community Collective's goal is to reduce and ultimately eliminate the alarming maternal mortality and morbidity rates among Black women. Through programs, increased awareness,

training, outreach and research, the Black Mamas Community Collective is leading the charge in Central Texas to help Black mothers get the education and access to resources needed to have healthy pregnancies and birthing experiences.

**Black Mamas Matter Alliance** nationwide, based in Atlanta, GA

BMMA Envisions a world where Black mamas have the rights, respect, and resources to thrive before, during, and after pregnancy. Black Mamas Matter Alliance is a Black women-led cross-sectoral alliance. We center Black mamas to advocate, drive research, build power, and shift culture for Black maternal health, rights, and justice.

**Carver Community Cultural Center:** serving the greater San Antonio, TX area

The mission of the Carver Community Cultural Center is to celebrate the diverse cultures of our world, nation and community, with emphasis on its African and African-American heritage, by providing premier artistic presentations, community outreach activities and educational programs.

**Community Advocacy & Healing Project:** based in Austin, TX

We strive to cultivate peaceful spaces where people can unapologetically be themselves. We strive to create trauma free environments, by agreeing to but limited to the following: Self-Awareness, Grace, Silence is a gift, Own your truth, You, me, we and who we were made to be in this moment.

**East Lubbock Community Alliance** based in Lubbock, TX

The East Lubbock Community Alliance is a collaboration of community partners who have come together for the betterment of East Lubbock. The Alliance works to ensure all Lubbock citizens have equal opportunities and are encouraged about their future. The Alliance meets monthly to provide a community forum for recommendations and feedback, participates in an East Lubbock-based project or event and supports transparency and communication among all organizations and people participating in the life of East Lubbock.

**GirlTrek** nationwide

GirlTrek, the largest public health nonprofit for African-American women and girls in the United States. With nearly 100,000 neighborhood walkers, GirlTrek encourages women to use walking as a practical first step to inspire healthy living, families, and communities. As women organize walking teams, they mobilize community members to support monthly advocacy efforts and lead a civil rights-inspired health movement.

**Mama Sana Vibrant Woman** serving Austin/Travis County

Mama Sana Vibrant Woman is a community organization that works to facilitate access to culturally appropriate and quality, prenatal and postnatal care for women of color in Austin and Travis County. Their mission: to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes for communities of color in central Texas by providing education and support.

**Project Row Houses** serving Houston, TX

Mission: We empower people and enrich communities through engagement, art, & direct action. Project Row Houses is a community platform that enriches lives through art with an emphasis on cultural identity and its impact on the urban landscape.

**Shape Community Center** serving Houston, TX

To improve the quality of life for people of African descent (all people) through programs and activities, with emphasis on Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work & Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity and Faith.

**400 + 1** nationwide

400 + 1 (pronounced four hundred and one) is a symbolic acknowledgment that our work is a continuation of those who journeyed before us. We are the embodiment of our ancestors. While, at first glance, those who belong to the movement may seem exceptional, 400 + 1 is a sacred infinite number that suggests that we all possess the magic we need to contribute to our own liberation.