

HEAL - Haitian Education Action and Leadership (HEAL), is a collaborative of nine community-based organizations that work to support the Boston Haitian-American Parent's Association (BHAPA). BHAPA represents parents of children in the Boston Public Schools, reaches out to them and educates them about school policies and their right to advocate for better services for their children. The Haitian Education Action Leadership Network is composed of the following organizations:

HEAL se yon tèt ansanm ant plizyè òganizasyon pou sipòte travay BHAPA. BHAPA reprezante paran elèv nan lekòl piblik Boston, travay ak yo, epi fè travay edikasyon sou règleman ak dwa ou yo reklame pi bon sèvis pou pitit yo. Rezo sa a gen yon pil ak yon banm òganizasyon ladan l tankou:

1. AFAB (Haitian Women's Association) (617) 287-0096
2. Boston Haitian American Parents Association (781) 535-4159
3. Center for Community Health Education & Research (CCHER) (617) 265-2716
4. HAEAM (Haitian-American Educators Association of Massachusetts) (781) 686-3704
5. Haitian American Public Health Initiatives, Inc (617) 298-8076
6. Haitian Multiservice Center (617) 436-2848
7. Haitian Studies Association
8. Massachusetts Advocacy for Children
9. Youth and Family Enrichment Services

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HAEAM HAITIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

is a nonprofit organization, which consists primarily of Haitian-American educators, paraprofessionals, individuals interested in multicultural and multilingual education, and other agencies located in Massachusetts. Created in 1979 and incorporated in 1996, the purpose of the organization is to:

- 1) Promote unity among Haitian-American educators across Massachusetts
- 2) Promote Haitian parental involvement in the educational process of their children
- 3) Promote and protect the welfare of Haitian children
- 4) Support schools to become more sensitive to Haitian students' culture
- 5) Conduct studies and action research on multicultural education to develop models that meet Haitian children's need.
- 6) Support the professional and intellectual growth of educators of Haitian children
- 7) Develop relations with other educational and professional organizations

In an effort to promote the intellectual growth of Haitian students, this year, the organization, through its various committees will focus mainly on two goals:

- 1) Strengthen the organization memberships through diverse educational activities that can enhance the practice of educators of Haitian children.
- 2) Develop a working relationship with Haitian parents using a variety of means, i.e. workshops, meetings, media, etc. in order for parents to become more cognizant of their rights and responsibilities as parents of school age children.

HAEM is committed to providing support to Haitian educators and parents in order to: a) help closing the achievement gaps between Haitian students and students of other ethnic groups; b) reducing the drop out rate that is prevalent among Haitian students of all socio-economic backgrounds; 3) eliminating the cultural bias and anti-Haitian sentiments that have resurfaced lately. Furthermore, HAEM is willing to and will work with other organizations that seek to improve the welfare of Haitians in Massachusetts and invite these organizations to do the same.

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