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City of Houston Credible Messengers Pilot Program

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Meet the Team



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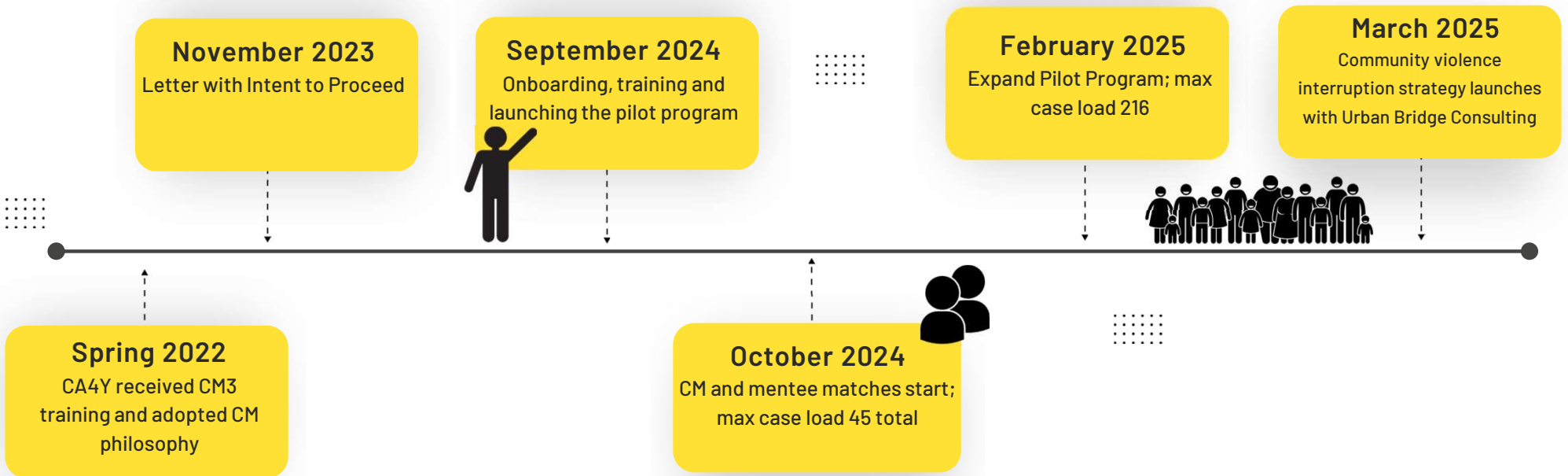


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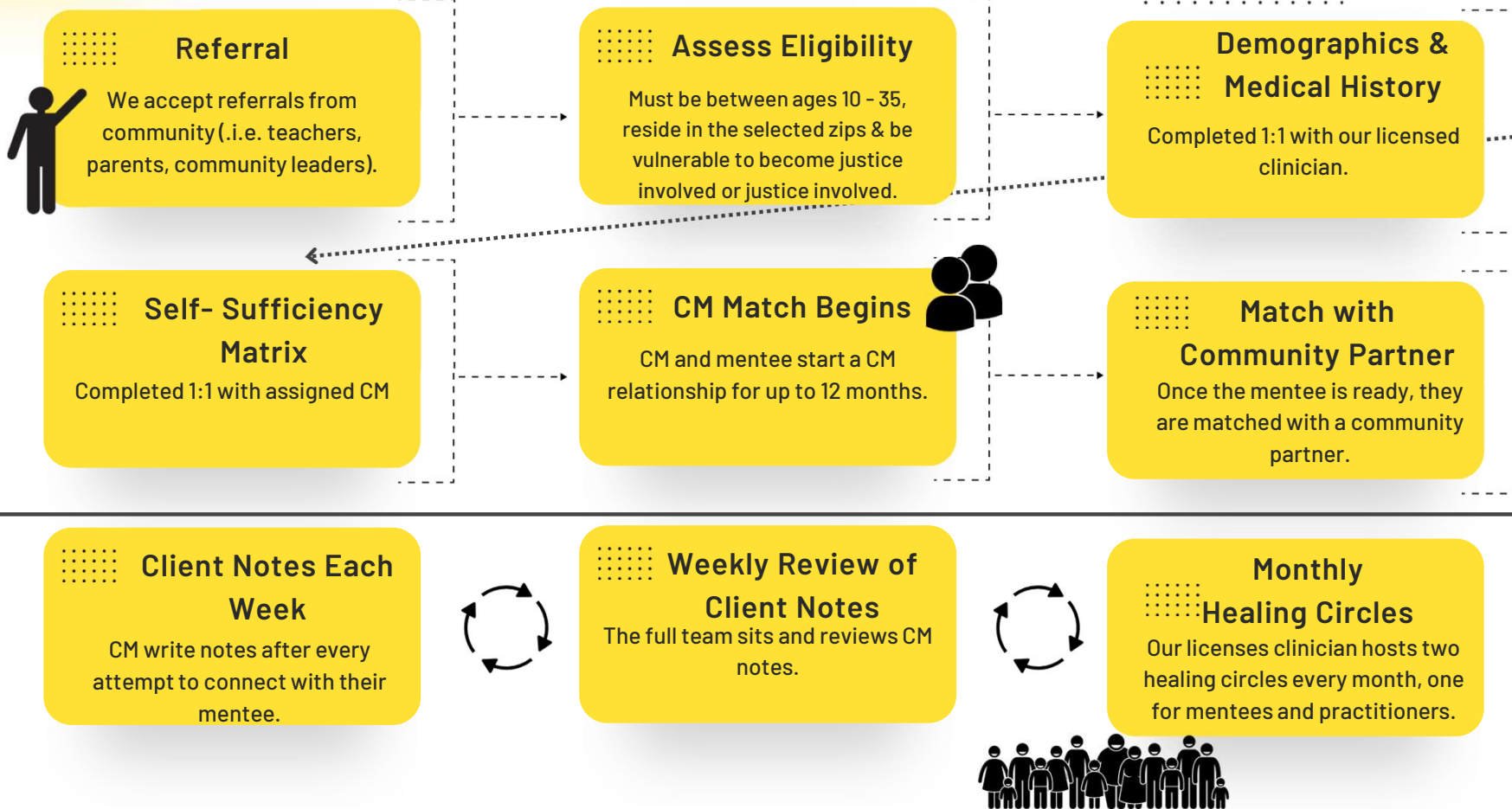
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Credible Messenger Pilot Program Timeline



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Credible Messengers Team



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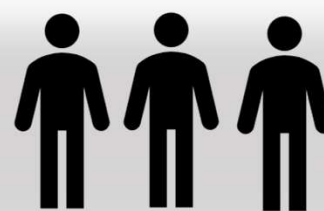
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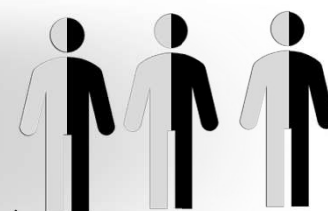
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- Collective Action for Youth



- Young People in Action
- Excel Beyond
- US Dream Academy



- Pure Justice
- Sons of Sophistication
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Acres Home Barber College

Since its establishment in 1992, the college has been providing quality education and training to aspiring barber.



Excel Beyond Circumstances

"Change your life simply by changing your mind."
Excel Beyond specializes in life coaching, mentoring, counseling, and alternative life choices



U.S. Dream Academy

US Dream Academy's vision is to lead the next generation of global-minded, character driven youth toward actualizing their full potential.



TXRX

TXRX Labs is a nonprofit makerspace in Houston dedicated to fostering innovation, education, and workforce development through hands-on training in manufacturing, engineering, and technology.



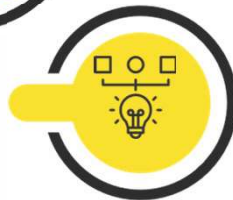
Women Healing & Empowering Women

WHEW is on a mission using the arts as a healing tool to address interconnected challenges women face such as former incarceration, homelessness, and domestic violence, starting local going global.



Operation Prison Prevention

OPP offers mind changing skillsets and a 9-week curriculum that transforms the thinking patterns of the mind of those who are at-risk.



Young People in Action

YPIA is designed to uncover and develop their academic, creative, and leadership potential.



Sons of Sophistication

Sons of Sophistication is dedicated to advancing the lives of young minority men. The goal is to foster an inspiring environment, where young men can push themselves as well as each other to defy stereotypes and break boundaries.



Pure Justice

Pure Justice seeks to empower, inspire, and activate its members and community supporters



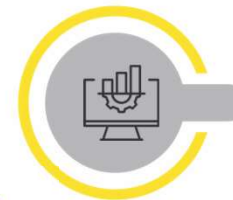
CDM Boxing

CDM, a staple in the Greenspoint Community has proven to be a resource and an asset for our young people. Through courage, determination, and motivation CDM strives to provide a product that young people can be proud of.



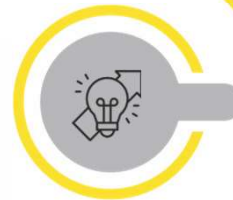
Aknew Approach

Aknew Approach empowers and equips Black and Brown youth and their families with the tools to successfully grow and overcome the residual impacts of the Criminal Justice System.



Destined for Empowerment

Destined for Empowerment CDC equips, empowers and enhances the community by caring for its development socially, economically, and emotionally.





Tier 1

- Hire and employ a full time CM
- Maintain a caseload of 15 mentees
- Data entry
- Attend weekly planning meetings

- Young People in Action
- Excel Beyond
- US Dream Academy



Tier 2

- Hire and employ a part-time CM
- Maintain a caseload of 7 mentees
- Data entry
- Attend weekly planning meetings

- Pure Justice
- Sons of Sophistication
- Acres Home Barber College



Tier 3

- Maintain slots for mentees, as detailed in MOU
- Attend bi-weekly planning meetings

- Operation Prison Prevention
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- Women Healing Empower Women
- TXRX
- CDM Boxing

Parent and Family Navigator

- Bi-monthly events for all families
- Support group
- Warm meal
- Resource sharing
- Workforce development



- People's Legal Clinic

Learnings, Successes and Challenges

- Obtaining food security, employment and education rank as the highest priority
- We receive the highest number of referrals from 77028, 77016, and 77060
- Average mentee age is 21 years old
- Caseload is comprised of 81% Males and 19% Females
- 0 Juvenile Probation clients have reoffended since entering the program



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Credible Messenger Mentoring

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#secondchances
#mentorship



Who We Are

If you've ever wished for a big brother or sister, a mentor, or simply someone dependable, Credible Messengers are here for you. We are full-time, experienced individuals deeply concerned about your well-being.

What We Do

With a heart full of love and unwavering support, Credible Messengers help youth and families break the cycle and the long-term impact of justice system involvement.

What We Offer

- Mentorship
- Peer Support
- Coaching
- Employment Opportunities

Scan to get connected!



Questions, comments or ideas?

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