



Patterson Park Community of Hope...

... Is a place where all children are safe and have the support they need from the adults in their lives to grow up healthy and succeed. It is a place that recognizes that families and communities, not systems, are best equipped to raise children, and that all families need the support of a caring community to thrive.*

... Has these goals:

1. To mobilize and engage the community in creating a safe, trauma-responsive environment where kids have the opportunity to grow up healthy, succeed and be happy.
2. To strengthen families within Patterson Park with increased opportunity, decreased risk factors and increased protective factors.
3. To create a "resource hub," where families can access a comprehensive and integrated service array.

... Believes in the:**

- Rights of children
- Need for shared responsibility and leadership
- Engagement/participation
- Need for an array of supports and services
- Promotion of equality among race, ethnicity, and culture

... Is looking for:

- ✓ Participation in community events
- ✓ Voices to advocate for their community
- ✓ Members for a Citizens Advisory Board
- ✓ A Local Community Organizer
- ✓ Opportunities to engage and empower resident families, youth
- ✓ Partner neighborhood organizations or businesses

* Taken from Casey Family Programs definition of a Community of Hope

** Taken from CWLA's National Blueprint for Excellence in Child Welfare