

Music Changing Lives

Music Changing Lives (MCL) is a California non-profit organization. Our unique program offers mentorship for underprivileged and neglected children, with the ultimate goal of helping our youth to build a better tomorrow.

Music Changing Lives' assists individuals connect with their own passion, and purpose in life. Conducting and analyzing research, sponsoring workshops, and collaborating with a variety of practitioners are all tools we utilize in the effort to further our mission. That mission is to reduce America's dropout rate by addressing needs of at-risk-youth.

- *Nationwide, 68.1% of state prison inmates in 2003 did not have a high school diploma.*
- *California high school students' consumption of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs is headed is also on the rise.*
- *Nationwide, the rate of under aged drinking remained basically unchanged, but in California, it rose from 15.28 percent of California in children between the ages of 12 and 17-years-old. . .*

MCL is in the process of raising money to fund our various programs, one of the most successful of which is a school tour throughout California entitled "*The Ignorance Stops Here.*"

MCL also participates in the nationwide "Lights Out Afterschool Program," in partnership with the City of Redlands in Redlands, California. MCL operates a fully equipped, state-of-the-art, recording studio utilized to teach our youth the basics of recording and producing quality music. We currently offer instructions in art as well; fashion and film scheduled to begin in 2010-2011. Eventually, our work at the community center offer youth assistance with such programs as academic tutoring, time management skills, self empowerment training, manners & etiquette, financial planning, including the importance of credit and financial investments, and a variety of other positive enrichment tools.

It is our hope that our efforts will contribute to a decrease in the drop-out rates of our youth. MCL strives to provide a safe environment conducive to positive living and learning experiences. We believe that encouraging our youth to invest in education, that success is imminent.

Although MCL's main focus is At-Risk youth, we also plan to offer assistance to the parents of at-risk-youth in an effort to minimize the problems they face. Our future plans include providing services to the entire family through job assistance-preparation and training, shelters for the homeless, clothing and food distribution, low income housing, and eventually recreational media centers throughout the Inland Empire.

Music Changing Lives is located at 111 W. Lugonia Avenue, Redlands CA 92374.