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B-360 and CLIA Partner In Advocacy



BALTIMORE, MD: B-360 and Community Law in Action (CLIA) have expanded their services and capacity by partnering in advocacy and youth programming. The partnership allows both organizations to dig deeper to advocate for youth and young adults in Baltimore and beyond. Programming expansion includes training more youth and young adults in civic engagement, increasing political representatives and increasing allies with tools to best navigate systemic challenges. The expansion hopes to train young adults in policy reform through direct exposure and engagement.

The first example of the programming in action was displayed through testimony for HB0928.

Baltimore is often referred to as America's dirt-bike capital but ironically has enacted some of the toughest dirt-bike laws in the nation. Brittany Young launched B-360 in 2017 to show how everyday skills translate into STEM opportunities and to reimagine public safety to provide programming to non violent offenders. To build on solutions [B-360](#) is actively supporting the mayoral mission of youth development by transitioning youth and young adult riders in Baltimore out of traffic and into programming that builds a safe space to grow transferable skills, foster new pipelines for career and workforce development, and advocacy.

[CLIA](#) envisions Maryland as a place where young people are valued, equipped, and equitable partners in decision making that impacts them. CLIA leads two programs for young people: CLIA's Law & Leadership Academy at Baltimore City high schools and the Just Kids Campaign. CLIA's programs use a youth-adult partnership model in which young people and caring adult professionals work in collaboration and achieve

collective impact through learning, advocating, and inspiring change. Rashad Staton became the Executive Director of CLIA in 2021, to grow the organization to new heights.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation supports B-360 and has partnered with CLIA in the past.

Brittany Young, founder and CEO of B-360, said: This partnership and support is a critical next step in growing our advocacy and gaining traction to reform policies that negatively affect our community. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Rashad Staton silently since launching B-360 but now we can combine forces through our organizations to make sure youth voice and culture is heard and respected. The support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation not only allows us to partner but is also a reminder of what true collaboration can naturally evolve with the right investment and sponsorship. We have more milestones to make, and I am confident we will reach our goals and decrease systemic barriers with the support from CLIA and the Annie E Casey Foundation.

Rashad Staton said: “As Executive Director of Community Law In Action, I am excited for the partnership with B-360. We’ll work collaboratively in advancing the values of youth representation and participation in civic engagement efforts. We hope to foster positive decision making and outcomes for Baltimore and nationwide. Together, we anticipate positively affect youth, young adults, and communities at large in advocating for equitable policies, practices, and programs. The work of B-360 is dynamic, innovative, and creates a space for social disruption, and with the needed funding, favorable policies, and the support of all stakeholders, including students, youth, families, communities, agencies, corporations, and elected officials, we can collectively bring forth opportunities that will cultivate a better future that is inclusive of all walks of life and interest,” - Rashad Staton, Executive Director, Community Law In Action (CLIA).

Burgundi Allison, associate director of diversion and prevention at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, said: Organizations such as B-360 and CLIA offer young people connections to positive role models and opportunities to contribute in meaningful ways to their communities.