

NBMP Chess Club

Chess Moves Against Violence

Weekly Lessons:

Monday's at the Lafayette Plaza, 50 W. 71st Street Chicago IL 60621; *6pm to 8pm.*

Tuesday's & Wednesday's at Ogden Park, 6500 S. Racine, Chicago IL 60636;
Will Resume In Spring 2019.

Monthly Lessons:

2nd Tuesday's of the month, CAPS, 007th District Police Station, 1438 W. 63rd Street, Chicago IL 60636; *6pm to 8pm.*

Every other month, 2nd Wednesday's of the month, West Englewood Library, 1745 W. 63rd Street, Chicago IL 60636;
Will Resume in Spring 2019.

Day & Time TBD, CAPS, 002nd District Police Station, 5101 S. Wentworth Avenue, Chicago IL 60609; *Program Launch Winter 2018*

Raydell Lacey's **NBMP** Chess Club is just the beginning of her strategic action toward ending violence. A September 2016 chess tournament was the brainchild of Lacey, a chess parent who lost her grandson to senseless gun violence.



NBMP Annual Events

- ♦ Chess Lessons/Tournaments
- ♦ Community Plays
- ♦ NBMP Presents Annual Casting Call
- ♦ Fun Time Back In The Day/ Chess Tournament/Youth Explosion Pop-Out Festival
- ♦ We Make It Happen In Englewood
- ♦ Coming Soon Parents on Fire Concert
- ♦ Career/Job Training
- ♦ Effective African American Parenting Classes

Contact Us

Not Before My Parents

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**NO PARENT SHOULD HAVE TO
BURY THEIR CHILD!**



Not Before My Parents (NBMP) was established in 2012 by Raydell Lacey, 18 years after the brutal murder of her 21 year old daughter, Elonda D. Lacey also known as Ms. Buckey. In January 2016 Raydell's grandson, Erick L. Lacey Jr., aka E.J., was shot and killed.

NBMP offers support to parents and youth who have suffered a traumatic loss. **NBMP** offer coping skills. If needed parents, families and/or youth may be referred for additional resources.

How You Can Help

NBMP Chess Club and Performing Arts Program violence reduction strategy will use chess and performing arts as a mentoring and teaching tool. **NBMP** primary objective is to teach at risk youth strategic methods of thinking through the game of chess, which will allow them to think before they react to violent situations, promote healthy competition and initiate dialogue. The performing arts will allow them to act, dance, sing and perform through their emotions. Our goal of community building will share accountability for an adequate conflict resolute environment that displays one's critical thinking skills and that which produces peace and safety.

Making a donation or purchasing a **NBMP** T-Shirt or Hat will assist us in pushing our programs and continuing to achieve our goal and purpose. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent as allowed by law.

To make your donation or purchase go to
notbeforemyparents.com
Resilience Partners NFP is the fiscal sponsor for NBMP



Our Mission

Our **goal** is to improve the lives of those affected by violence.

Our Vision

Our **Vision** is to instill personal excellence, assist in building self-esteem, advocating for the celebration of cultural diversity and uniting communities. We empower youth through our **NBMP Chess Club and Performing Arts Program**.

One of the NBMP Chess Teams "Bringing Their Vision to Life"



Strategic Minds

Healthy Competition Between The Community & CAPS



Founder Raydell Lacey

Why We Do What We Do

Recent events in Chicago has put me in the mind of what a war zone must feel like. Witnessing these tragedies bring out feelings of fear, mistrust, frustration, anger, disappointment and shock.

To live in this type of violent environment where one has to be concerned about their life and the lives of their children, relatives and friends on a day to day basis is unbelievably disconcerting as an adult. I can only image what feelings this evokes in a child.

When a child has to worry about violence when undertaking simple ordinary things like walking to school, catching a bus, playing outside or merely going to the candy store it is stealing the innocence of their childhood.

~ Raydell Lacey



Empowering Youth through Our Performing Arts Program