MAN UP OR KID DOWN[SM]

Keon Washington. June 27, 2014.
Keandre Duff. July 12, 2015.

Lives lost. Either by death or by prison, lives cut tragically short by senseless violence are a failure of our society.

The statistics can continue to be ignored. Our community can passively await another tragedy. Another life lost. Another lost contribution to the future of our society. Another opportunity ignored.

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We invite you to step forward, let your presence be known, and grow this community initiative created by the partnership of Ypsilanti Community Schools and Gold Standard Advocates, LLC.

Man Up or Kid Down strives to engage, incite and provoke men in the community to take action to mentor and lead our youth.

The alternative to “man up” is “kid down” - young men following a path of criminal behavior, committing suicide to homicide, while leaving trails of victims behind. These senseless tragedies shape the lives of our youth, our community, and the future of our society. Left without action, the shape of our future society is bleak.

Men, our families and communities vividly reflect each and every day the evidence of non-action. We have the power to re-shape these reflections through action. We have seen the positive impact when we engage ourselves in the lives of our youth. We must build on this momentum by enlisting more in our community to serve as the strong role models our young men need to survive. We must ACT NOW!

All men regardless of age, education, employment, or race can make a difference. The ONLY requirement is that you are committed to serving youth, families and our community.

Step forward and make your presence known. Join us today reshaping our community, one life at a time. Contact us at: manup@ycschools.us.

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