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Sanford is a My Brother's Keeper Designated Community Join Us at the Community Summit Saturday, April 18, 10AM – 3PM St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 813 W. Pine Street, Sanford

The Sanford City Commission endorsed the City accepting the challenge to become a "My Brother's Keeper (MBK) designated community". The MBK initiative launched by President Barack Obama in February of 2014 is intended to address persistent opportunity gaps facing boys and young men of color to ensure all young people can reach their full potential. The MBK program supports African American and Hispanic males with certain programs that increase self-esteem, reduce disciplinary and law enforcement involvement, and boost academic performance. In some school Districts the dropout rate for Black and Hispanic males is as high as 50%. In 2012, Black males were 6 times more likely to be imprisoned than White males.

Sanford Future Claimer's (a consortium of agencies and organizations) is facilitating to move the MBK initiative forward with a community summit to share the initiative and to receive feedback from the community.

Join us on Saturday, April 18, 10AM – 3PM, at the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 813 W. Pine Street, Sanford to share your thoughts on the obstacles and challenges facing these young men and to explore strategies to address them. Lunch will be served.

For More information and to RSVP contact Andrew Thomas, Senior Project Manager, City of Sanford, 407-688-5132 or Andrew.thomas@sanfordfl.gov please visit the official My Brother's Keeper website to learn all about the positive information surrounding this initiative <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/02/27/fact-sheet-opportunity-all-president-obama-launches-my-brother-s-keeper->

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