

DCPSC 2017 Community Leader Award Recipient

Anthony Wood NOW - Neighborhood Organized Workforce, Inc.



Anthony Wood is the founder and CEO of NOW, Neighborhood Organized Workforce Inc., a non-profit, community based organization that focuses on education and vocational training to unemployed and low-income residents in District neighborhoods and beyond. The program is designed to offer a combination of GED instructions, Life Skills, and HVAC training for a period of ten weeks. After completion of the NOW, Inc. curriculum, graduates become NOW, Inc. members and promote the program financially.

NOW, Inc. partners with various social service providers by targeting youth who are at-risk that trains and prepares students to become licensed HVAC technicians. After passing the HVAC certification test, students receive their EPA/CFC License which enables them to secure a living wage with benefits through employment at Apartment management companies, building maintenance contractors, commercial buildings, air conditioning and heating companies, as well as residential and commercial building management companies that include hotels, universities, hospitals, etc.

Anthony and his staff are not only instructors. They also serve as mentors that provide a safety net for students who may be having some difficulty and need assistance in making decisions as they try to obtain their goals.

NOW, Inc. personifies the "Each One Teach" philosophy. NOW, Inc. believes that their comprehensive approach is an alternative way to taking back our neighborhoods that have long been underserved.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia recognizes Anthony Wood of NOW, Inc. as the DCPSC 2017 Community Leader Award recipient.