



Love Christian Fellowship Educational Center
4651 Tulsa Ct., Denver, CO 80239
Grades: k-12
Director: Tamara Quansah

The Hope Online Learning Center at Love Christian Fellowship Educational Center (Love), established in 2005, provides the underserved students of Northeast Denver's gang and crime-riddled Montbello neighborhood with an online education option. Pastor Tamara Quansah, Love's Learning Center Director, enthusiastically embraces the opportunity to promote student learning everyday.

"Most of the Hope Online students here come from families where money is scarce and academic success elusive. The reality of the large traditional classroom is that, even if students don't understand the material, the class goes on," explains Pastor Quansah. "When students fall behind, they do one of three things: they become the class clown to deflect negative academic attention, they go to sleep to ignore the lesson, or they pretend to understand the subject matter. Students do not have the opportunity to build the foundations of learning they need to be successful."

Hope Online provides an alternative to the traditional classroom with small class sizes, one-on-one attention, and individual learning plans tailored to the unique needs of each student. "The online curriculum affords students the opportunity to go back to the root of their comprehension issues," asserts Pastor Quansah. "They can work at their own pace to master the material; and they have constant access to the dedicated Learning Center mentors to help them along the way."

While the students are making tremendous progress, they are struggling to overcome a variety of challenges. "Academically, the biggest student deficits are in the areas of reading and math," reports Pastor Quansah. "Socially, however, most of the students have difficulty with authority and issues of accountability. They have not learned to respond well to rules or boundaries, or to take responsibility for their actions or inaction. At Love, we cultivate these skills in students—we show up, guide them and support them, but they know that they are ultimately responsible for their education."

The requirement of student accountability at Love is only one component of the Learning Center's success—the other key component is a dedicated and well-trained staff.

At the Hope Online Learning Center at Love, the learning philosophy is two-fold and quite simple: excellence in education and eradication of failure. Pastor Quansah says, "We encourage students to pursue their best self and achieve success, because as we remind students everyday *'If it is to be, it is up to me.'*"

Learning Center Administration

Tamara Quansah - Director

Pastor Tamara Quansah founded the Love Christian Fellowship Education Center with her husband over ten years ago. During that time, she has educated hundreds of k-12 students providing them with the essential education skills for a successful future. Now as director of the Hope Online Learning Center, Pastor Quansah is excited about the customized capability of online curriculum and the academic potential for the underserved youth of the Northeast Denver area. Pastor Quansah earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Computer Science from Metropolitan State College of Denver in Denver, CO.

Hope Online Teacher

Kia Smith – Hope Online Teacher

Kia Smith is a talented Colorado licensed teacher dedicated to supporting students in an alternative learning environment. Ms. Smith has several years experience as an elementary teacher in both Denver and Aurora public schools. She was the owner and director of a Qualistar, an accredited early childcare center. Ms. Smith graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Denver in Denver, CO.