



Urban League Child Development Center
506 E. Moreno Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Grades: k-2
Director: Stephanie Lloyd

Located in Colorado Springs, the Urban League's Child Development Center (Urban League CDC) is a local program of the National Urban League, an organization dedicated to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream. It serves a community characterized by low socio-economic levels, single-parent homes, ethnic minorities, and at-risk youth. Recognizing the need to help their community's youth build strong educational foundations, Urban League CDC established a Hope Online Learning Center in 2005. As Stephanie Lloyd, Learning Center Director for Urban League CDC believes, "The elementary years are crucial to building productive academic personalities that will help students succeed throughout their academic careers."

"Hope Online students come to us lacking the basics needed to learn. Many of our students are several grade levels behind and struggle with reading and writing. They were invisible in their previous schools, and they did not receive the one-on-one attention they needed to truly master their lessons," says Ms. Lloyd. "Hope Online offers students a safe learning environment with a lot of individual attention from Hope Online teachers and Learning Center mentors. Furthermore, because each student's individual learning plan is customized according to their unique skills and abilities by their Hope Online teacher, Hope Online students are able to achieve academic success. We meet them where they are."

Ms. Lloyd recalls a kindergarten student who withdrew from Hope Online, then struggled and regressed at his new school, and ultimately re-enrolled at Hope Online. Currently, he is making significant progress and reading at first grade level. "Overall, our students are doing well," reports Ms. Lloyd. "The learning growth spurt is quick; we see students immediately making progress by attending regularly, getting excited about learning, and especially working with technology. The online lessons generate enthusiasm!"

Hope Online's highly qualified teacher and the dedicated mentors at the Urban League CDC, not only help Hope Online students understand their assignments, but also assist them in developing confidence in their ability to learn. "Our staff does a lot with a little, and they truly believe in the vision and the mission of Hope Online at Urban League CDC. It takes a committed, benevolent being to do what Hope Online's teachers and our Learning Center mentors do each and every day," affirms Ms. Lloyd.

Hope Online at Urban League CDC is expanding the circle of opportunity for students in the area. "We believe that when children are prepared for school every child has the ability to learn," asserts Ms. Lloyd. "At Urban League CDC, we prepare Hope Online students for the lifelong pursuit of knowledge and success by laying the groundwork for bright futures."

Learning Center Administration

Stephanie Lloyd - Director

Stephanie Lloyd is the Learning Center Director of Hope Online at Urban League Child Development Center. She is committed to her community and has dedicated herself to helping local youth achieve success. Ms. Lloyd earned a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Colorado Christian University in Colorado Springs, CO.

Sonya Barnett - Lead Mentor

Sonya Barnett has a passion for serving the youth in her community. Prior to becoming the Lead Mentor at Hope Online at Urban League Child Development Center, she worked as a substitute teacher for over 7 years in New York and Colorado. Ms. Barnett earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from City College of Colorado Springs in Colorado Springs, CO.

Hope Online Teacher

Kimberly Craig – Hope Online Teacher

Kimberly Craig is an experienced teacher specializing in elementary education. Her expertise educating children led to her involvement in community-based activities and educational training. After teaching 2nd grade for 13 years in Summerville, SC, Ms. Craig moved to Colorado and obtained a Colorado Teacher License and began teaching students in Colorado Springs and Douglas County. Ms. Craig received a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the College of Charleston and a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Psychology from The Citadel, both in Charleston, SC.