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FAQ & Executive Summary

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This document answers a common public question—**"What has the NAACP Youngstown Branch been doing lately, and how can I join?"**—and provides a concise executive summary of recent branch activity.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What has the NAACP Youngstown Branch been doing lately?

The Youngstown Branch has been active in advocacy, community engagement, and education. Recent work includes branch meetings, Ohio Task Force participation, school board attendance, prison visits, civil rights and education complaint briefings with clients, voter outreach, neighborhood partnerships, public events, literacy and parent engagement efforts, and state and national education task force participation.

What kind of advocacy work has the branch been doing?

The branch has supported advocacy through school governance engagement, housing and civil rights complaint coordination, prison and reentry work, voter registration activity, and collaboration with state and national NAACP efforts. Specific examples include EEOC meetings with clients, HUD complaint coordination against out-of-state landlords, U.S. Department of Education complaint briefings, community mobilization meetings, and creation of the NAACP Prison Unit at CoreCivic.

What has the branch done in the community?

The branch has participated in community resource fairs, expo events, wellness outreach, neighborhood engagement, cultural programs, public dialogue events, and local civic celebrations. Activities included partnerships with Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries, Martin Luther King School, Rockford Village, the Youngstown City School District, the African American Male Wellness event, the Ohio Non-Violence Parade, and support for McGuffey Preserve restoration.

What education work has the branch been doing?

The branch has focused on literacy, parent engagement, Black student achievement, cultural awareness, and school-community partnership. This included screenings of *The Right to Read*, Parent Advisory Meetings, Black History Month school visits, the 70th anniversary commemoration of *Brown v. Board of Education*, Ohio education meetings at Kent State University, the State of Ohio's Taskforce on Best Academic Practice Models for

Black Students, the National NAACP Taskforce on Best Academic Practice Models for Black Students, and the National NAACP *Putting Our Students First* campaign.

Has the branch been working with schools and youth-serving institutions?

Yes. The branch has attended Youngstown School Board meetings twice monthly, held quarterly meetings with the Youngstown City School District, joined Reset meetings involving Superintendent Bachelor, participated in the *Portrait of a Graduate* initiative, and supported student-centered back-to-school and educational programming.

Has the branch been involved in prison justice and reentry work?

Yes. The branch has conducted prison visits to CoreCivic, Trumbull Correctional Institution, and Northeast Ohio Correctional Center, created the NAACP Prison Unit at CoreCivic, and coordinated reentry committee work related to interstate inmate transfer.

Why should someone join the Youngstown NAACP Branch?

Joining the branch (3207) means becoming part of an organization that is actively engaged in civil rights advocacy, educational equality and equity, voter engagement, prison justice, neighborhood outreach, and community partnerships. The activity record shows ongoing work across local, state, and national issues affecting Black and other disadvantaged students, families, and the broader community.

Who can join?

Anyone interested in equality, equity and justice for all can join. The activity documents reflect broad engagement with students, families, residents, clients, educators, and community partners, showing that the branch welcomes people who want to support justice, equality, equity, and civic action.

What can a new member expect to be part of?

A new member can expect opportunities to support advocacy campaigns, attend branch meetings, participate in education and community events, assist with public outreach, and contribute to programs tied to civil rights, school equality and equity, voter engagement, and community mobilization. The branch's recent record reflects consistent activity rather than isolated events.

Executive Summary

The Youngstown NAACP Branch has maintained a broad and consistent program of work centered on advocacy, community engagement, and education. Reported activities include monthly branch governance, school district engagement, civil rights client briefings, prison justice work, voter outreach, public programming, wellness and resource events, literacy initiatives, and participation in state and national conversations on academic outcomes for Black students.

In advocacy, the branch engaged with school boards, housing concerns, EEOC and civil rights matters, prisoner support, reentry coordination, and U.S. Department of Education complaint briefings. In community engagement, the branch participated in neighborhood partnerships, resource fairs, cultural events, wellness outreach, podcasts, and civic programs throughout the Youngstown area. In education, the branch supported school visits, parent meetings, documentary screenings, workshops, *Brown v. Board of Education* commemoration programming, and task force work focused on best academic practice models for Black students.

The Youngstown Branch is an active local civil rights organization with visible work across institutional advocacy, public engagement, and educational equity. For members and media, the activity list demonstrates sustained involvement in issues affecting students, families, incarcerated individuals, tenants, and the wider community.

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