

Michael Williams



Mike lived in more than 40 homes while in the foster care system and experienced homelessness within two years of aging out. Rather than becoming a statistic, he chose to use his story to give hope and inspiration to others and to advocate and create solutions for those raised in the system like he was.

Mike has helped shape Florida law and has assisted with the design and development of several statewide programs, such as My JumpVault, which is a software program that provides instant access to health and personal records to youth, foster parents, and social workers. In 2020, Mike launched Dreams And Success Homes, Inc. (DASH), a social impact organization that builds Smart Dreams Home(s) for young adults who are aging out or have aged out of foster care. These therapeutic empowerment coaching homes help individuals to build their dreams, establish independence, and create financial freedom. Through his work, a statewide housing network exists that houses 43 young adults in 18 properties throughout six counties in Florida.

Mike has been named in Forbes NEXT 1000 for being a bold and inspiring entrepreneur on his way to great success, as well as 40 Under 40: Black Leaders of Today & Tomorrow by Legacy Magazine. He is defining what it means to chase your dreams and be a success story today, especially as an alumnus who aged out of foster care.