

4 FORCES MODEL OF BLACK @RISK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Since 90% of our teen growth planners have been African American, based on extensive @risk Black teen development research* [see note below], we developed our 4 Forces Model of Black @Risk Youth Development to guide us in specifically adapting our growth planning process to help close the Black teen achievement gap, especially among Black teen males. Although many may disagree with it, as a research-based nonprofit, we think specifically identifying our view of the main underlying cause of the achievement gap and how our proposed mindset & lifestyle development solution is designed to help close it ... will help our teen planners, their parents, and youth development professionals evaluate its effectiveness.

- * A link to The Research Foundations Of Growth Planning is in the About Us section of our website – <http://mgrowthplan.org>
- In this model we use the scientific definition of theory as “a set of facts, propositions, or principles analyzed in their relation to one another and used to explain phenomena that are to be further examined and tested in practice.”

