

**TURN IT
AROUND**

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This Month in Turn It Around

This month, Turn It Around, like everyone else in the world, has been blindsided by an unseen threat, COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. Coronavirus Disease 2019 or COVID-19 (formerly referred to as the 2019 novel coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) is a new respiratory virus that was first identified in Wuhan, China in December of 2019. The COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person. It is spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land on people who are nearby (within 6 feet). It may also be possible for a person to get COVID-19 by touching a recently contaminated surface or object and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes.

With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advisement of working remotely and to safely protect our youth and all those we serve, we have temporarily moved our services to virtual communications only.

That being said, Turn It Around Thursday youth programming will be conducted virtually via Zoom until further notice. Mswati Hanks, Turn It Around's Program Coordinator, will be staying in touch with all Turn It Around members and assessing their needs as well as the needs of their families. Contact Mswati at (646)-247-6208 or MHanks1@Partners.org.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit CharlestownCoalition.org/covid-resources.

Turn It Around Combatting COVID-19

As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) spreads around the world, Turn It Around is stepping up and turning this surreal time into a campaign for creativity. This group of young leaders is launching a social media campaign to help shift our focus off of the fear and panic many people are currently feeling. And though they understand the severity of this crisis, they also want to remain hopeful and find creative outlets to deal with the overwhelming stress. To join their efforts please like and share their hilarious Tiktok videos 📺, poetry 📄, music videos 🎵 and photos 📷. We're in this together and together we will get through it!

Please find us online to see the youth entries!

Getting through COVID-19 together CAMPAIGN

HELPING THE COMMUNITY GET
THROUGH COVID-19 TOGETHER



Social media campaign
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Last Month in Turn It Around

Last month in February, Turn It Around, had a visit from former TIA President - Casey! Casey is now in the Navy and wanted to come back to let everyone know how he is doing and what life is like for him beyond highschool and TIA. Also, we had a visit from a female entrepreneur who has created her own unique skincare line called Natural Love Skincare!



Ways to get Involved:

Want to join in on the fun during one of our meetings or events? We'd love to have you! There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in *Turn It Around*. Whether you help cook, serve, clean or participate in the activities, all are invited and welcome. Please reach out to Ginaya for more information.

Prefer Email?

To receive our Family & Friends Newsletter email instead of a paper copy, please contact Ginaya Greene Murray at Ggreene-Murray@Partners.org or call her directly at 617-726-6684

February's Youth of the Month:

February's Turn It Around Youth of the Month is Kelvin Lara. Kelvin was one of a few TIA kids to attend the open space / retail meeting for the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment. Kelvin also consistently provides depth and insight to the group at every Turn It Around meeting. Kelvin is an integral part of Turn It Around, and we are so lucky to have him working with us!!



-Mswati Hanks
(Youth Prevention Coordinator)

Have Questions?

If you need assistance with your youth regarding school, job placement, risky behaviors, or anything else, please contact the Charlestown Coalition. We will be happy to help with any questions regarding you and your child.

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