

M.O.M.I.E.'s TLC, or Mentors of Minorities in Education's Total Learning *Cis-Tem*, is a DC-based non-profit organization that aims to "nurture the genius" of today's youth. M.O.M.I.E.'s TLC is a community-focused organization that serves and supports preschool, elementary school, and even some middle school and high school students. The program has helped support over 3,000 mostly low-income African American D.C. children since 2000. Co-Founder Ayize Sabater was inspired by the power and importance of community in fostering his own upbringing and development to create a program that could provide this community support to youth today. M.O.M.I.E.'s TLC originated in an effort to combat the potentially devastating educational outcomes experienced by far too many low-income children. Since its induction, M.O.M.I.E.'s TLC has grown in staff and support, while helping to address and correct the lack of high-quality education for at-risk children of color growing and learning today.

M.O.M.I.E.'s TLC is a culture-based learning program. In order to best address the needs of our children and improve their economic outcomes M.O.M.I.E.'s TLC focuses on cultivating these children as they embrace leadership and social change by broadening their educational, social, and cultural awareness. M.O.M.I.E.'s philosophy is based on the "genius" of our children and the fact that these children are our future. The importance of community is a powerful and integral part of the program. M.O.M.I.E.'s TLC is even more than just mastering math problems, it teaches the children to help build and be a part of a supportive, accepting and positive community. The children, along with the tutors and staff, learn and grow as part of the M.O.M.I.E.'s family.

Read what a current tutor of Momies has to say:

"We are the future, helping the future. The benefit of tutoring at M.O.M.I.E.'s will come in 30 years when one of the kids is Secretary of State and I can say I helped him/her!"- Robyn