National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI) Announces New BCDI-Dallas Affiliate

Dallas, TX – September 19, 2014 – NBCDI President & CEO Tobeka G. Green welcomes a new Affiliate to the NBCDI family. Parents and professionals across the Dallas and Fort Worth area have come together to create a trusted organization that will, with support from the national office, implement programs and engage in advocacy that focuses on achieving positive outcomes for Black children and families.

“NBCDI Affiliates are the heart of this organization. We are thrilled that the BCDI-Dallas Affiliate will be joining BCDI-Houston to support the education, health and well-being of Texas’ Black children and families,” said Ms. Green.

NBCDI’s volunteer-driven network of over 20 Affiliates across the country, partner with children, families and other organizations to implement culturally-relevant and research-based programs promoting literacy, health, juvenile justice, parent engagement and college-readiness.

BCDI-Dallas has already planned several exciting and thought-provoking events, including a lecture series around the needs and strengths of Black children, with a focus on family engagement. In addition, the Affiliate will be providing programs including Entering the College Zone, which helps prepare middle-schoolers for long-term academic success, as well as workshops aimed at increasing Black male achievement and decreasing child abuse and neglect.

“After several years of planning and hard work,” said new BCDI-Dallas President Dr. Nedra Y. Washington, “we can’t wait to collaborate with our wonderful national and community partners to move forward with these critical efforts on behalf of our Black children and families.”

The new Dallas Affiliate is hosting a chartering ceremony on Friday, September 19 at the Embassy Suites Hotel located in historic downtown Dallas, with a wide range of distinguished guests and community members.

About NBCDI
For more than 40 years, the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI) has been at the forefront of engaging leaders, policymakers, professionals, and parents around critical and timely issues that directly impact Black children and their families. We are a trusted partner in delivering culturally relevant resources that respond to the unique strengths and needs of Black children around issues including early childhood education, health, child welfare, literacy, and family engagement. With the support of our Affiliate communities across the country, we are committed to our mission “to improve and advance the quality of life for Black children and their families through education and advocacy.”