



Latino Young Men and Boys, Overcoming Disparity Book Series Co-Editor, Henry A.J. Ramos with Oakland Mayor, Libby Schaaf and Unity Council CEO, Chris Iglesias

[My Brother's Keeper Alliance \(MBK Alliance\)](#) recently sponsored a Regional Summit: Building Safe and Supportive Communities, on July 26th – July 28th, in Long Beach, California. The Summit brought together stakeholders, policy makers, and philanthropic leaders from across California and the nation. Learn more about the summit by [clicking here](#).

MBK Alliance is committed to addressing persistent opportunity gaps facing boys and young men of color and ensuring all youth can reach their full potential. In order to improve life outcomes, MBK Alliance works to elevate the voices of our nation's boys and young men of color and unite business, philanthropy, nonprofit, government, community leaders, and youth to impact lasting social change. Our collaborative, cross-sectoral movement led by MBK Alliance helps break down barriers that boys and young men of color face and creates pathways to promising futures. Interventions at the following critical points are vital to fostering inter-generational improvements and creating lasting change:

1. Entering School Ready to Learn: All school-aged children should have a healthy start and enter school cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally prepared to learn.
2. Reading at Grade Level by Third Grade: All children should be reading at grade level by age 8, the age at which reading is solidified as a truly essential, foundational component of ongoing learning.
3. Graduating from High School Ready for College and Career: All young adults should have the option to attend postsecondary education equipped with skills for continued success.
4. Completing Post-Secondary Education or Training: All young adults should receive the education and training needed for quality jobs of today and tomorrow.
5. Successfully Entering the Workforce: All individuals who want a job should be able to secure and sustain employment that allows them to support themselves and their families.
6. Reducing Violence and Providing a Second Chance: All children should be safe from violent crime. Individuals who are confined should receive the education, training, and treatment they need for a second chance.