

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2025

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Believe in Me Empowerment Corporation
<i>Provide the primary physical address where the Fellow will be working during their placement</i>	425 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, Ct 06511
<i>Organization's mailing address (if different)</i>	same as above
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	www.bimecnewhaven.com

PPSF Fellow's Direct Supervisor

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What is the best way for prospective student applicants to contact you with questions about your proposal?

- Send an e-mail with questions **OR**
- Send an e-mail to set up a 15-minute phone call to discuss
- Contact the person below with questions about this proposal:

Sauda Efiya Baraka

Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 27, 2025 through Friday, August 8, 2025)

BIMEC has no problem accommodating a Yale Fellow for the stated placement dates.

Are placement dates flexible? Are there any dates on which your Fellow must work?

BIMEC operates a Transition House for men 18 years and older. The TH is open 24/7, with 3 shifts: 8:00am-4:00pm, 4:00pm - 12:00am and 12:00am - 8:00am. Our business office is Monday- Friday 9:30am - 5:30pm.

Proposed work schedule (*work week should equal (and not exceed) 37.5 hours per week*)

The Yale Fellow is open to establish their schedule through the week and/or weekend to total the 37.5 hours required. BIMEC is flexible and will work with the student to meet their needs.

If a hybrid schedule is offered at your site, please describe:

No hybrid schedule is offered at BIMEC

Organization description (*mission statement, population served. 1,000 characters or less*)

The purpose of Believe in Me Empowerment Corporation (BIMEC) is to fill service gaps and reduce the negative barrier and adverse effects associated with the residuals of incarceration.

BIMEC's mission is to improve the lives of children, young adults and their families impacted by and or affected by incarceration. The agency provides hope, opportunities and supportive services for families in the Greater New Haven community in order that they may overcome challenges, reach their full potential and become productive citizens.

Believe In Me Empowerment Corporation (BIMEC) has a 20-year history of providing services to youth and adults in New Haven. The mission of the organization is to improve the lives of those impacted by and or affected by incarceration.

Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (500 characters or less).

The work consists of: direct client contact, motivating, encouraging and supporting residents with their needs as determined by evidence based assessments.

Residents are working on housing, employment/job training, school, substance abuse, mental/physical health concerns, and socio-emotional needs including family reunification through group and individual sessions.

Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.

The Yale fellow will be engaged in case management support, co-facilitating groups, assisting with referrals for housing, resume development/job applications, supporting residents through various application processes, housing, jobs, school. Discussing and providing avenues for residents to reconnect with family. Learning the electronic case management system used to input resident case meetings. The Yale Fellow is continuously supervised by professional staff throughout their internship day. We also utilize interns to provide grant writing support (research, data collection and writing narratives).

List any specific skills/experience required for the project

Interpersonal skills, easily relatable to residents, non judgmental, open and honest and interested in case management tools and a willingness to learn.

Computer literate and open to learning new electronic systems. PREA and CPR certified (required)-BIMEC will provide training. Knowledge of de-escalation techniques or they will be trained.

Additional requirements (e.g. a car, weekend working hours, a background check). If a car is required, include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement. If a background check is required, share how far in advance this must start before arriving to work at your site. Please note that your organization is responsible for any costs associated with the background check process.

We provide off street parking, but there is no requirement to have a car. BIMEC will cover the costs for background checks.

Briefly describe any work that Yale PPSF Fellows and/or Yale students have done with your organization.

BIMEC has offered internship opportunities to several Yale Fellows over the years until COVID. The Yale Fellows engaged with our Reading for Reasoning Youth Program and also our Sober House residents, offering case management, co-facilitating groups, counseling and referrals, under professional staff guidance.