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Title: Men of Color Where Are We: Community Organizations & the Importance of Community Cultural Wealth

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The aim of this exploratory study was to explore the ways in which community organizations are nurturing community cultural wealth to address the persistent opportunity and achievement gaps that exist before men of color. Studies identify a myriad of factors—social, economic, cultural, and institutional—that perpetuate these disparities within communities of color. These communities, however, are also rich with an array of cultural knowledge, skills, abilities, and contacts that often go unrecognized and unacknowledged. A pool of applicants was recruited through a community organization. Three male students of color were asked to participate in semi-structured interviews (Yosso 2005). The findings suggest that community organizations that nurture community cultural wealth positively influence in college and post-graduation preparedness.