

# Jaylin McBride



## Compassion In Action

Arkansas Better Dads — Little Rock

“Better Dads has taught me to encourage my children to dream big and to make goals. Better Dads has also taught me things that will be important for me when my children grow up, starting now by teaching them and training them up in the way they should go. If you do not teach them, then the world will teach them. Every moment is a teaching moment. This class has taught me to love my kids and care for them. Children are like a sponge, so this class and program is preparing me to show my children how to act and live life. It is important to spend time with your kids and encourage them to be their best selves. Each child is unique and different in their own way.

Learning to be a better dad has taught me to learn from my children and listen to them. When you know your kids, you know how to treat them and discipline them in the way they should be. There isn't a manual on raising children, so this class has taught me things to get me ready to take care of my children. Being involved in your children's life shows them you care for them. Better Dads has taught me to be involved in their school learning. Asking your children what they have learned in class today, helping them with their homework, and reading with them helps them and me to know what they are learning in school. Not only does Better Dads teach you about school, but it also teaches me to get them ready for life, teaching them about God, being responsible, respectful, and trustworthy. It was taught to me, to walk what I am teaching. I can want the best for my kids, but I must show them what I am teaching. I cannot tell them to do something that I am not doing because they will not do it if they see that I am doing wrong. This class has taught me how to make my children trust me and look up to me. We all want our children to be successful, but it is up to us, the parents. And this class has taught me how to be a better dad and more.”