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Hajji Imam Wali Ahmed Furqan is imam at the Pioneers Culture Center in St. Louis Missouri, founder and president of the St. Louis nonprofit Paying Attention To Our Youth (P.A.T.O.Y) , a volunteer chaplain for the Missouri and Illinois prison systems, a volunteer mentor in the St. Louis public schools and an author. Married over 40 years, the father of seven is a passionate advocate for youth empowerment and mentorship.

As founder and president of PATOY, Imam Furqan oversees a 501(c)(3) nonprofit promoting parental responsibility for children. Furqan believes parents must engage children with proactive guidance for both the good and undesirable behaviors they may witness in their children.

Imam Furqan wrote the book *A Free Mind in the City*, that provides parents, teachers, counselors and other leaders, valuable insights on what it takes to raise successful children and guide them to productive adulthood, careers, family, citizenship and community service.

In St. Louis, a city rife with its share of drugs, gang violence, prostitution and more, Furqan with his wife, raised seven children against the inner-city odds...all are now successful adults with achievements from masters degrees to tech and trade schools to naval officers. In his book, Furqan speaks from experience as a successful husband, father and community leader. He doesn't just talk the talk, he walks the walk; and shows how to beat the so-called "statistical odds."

A graduate of Missouri's Truman State University, Imam Furqan became Muslim in 1975 and has since been a supporter of the leadership of Imam W. Deen Mohammed. He was blessed to visit the sacred precincts of Mecca twice to perform Hajj in 1980 and Umrah in 1989.

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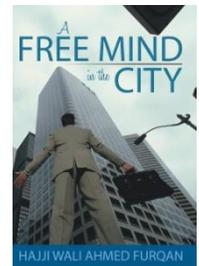
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A parent's motivation is a child's inspiration."

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A Free Mind in the City...

A successful father of seven shares how even in the inner-city, one can save his family through faith, patience and hard work. It is possible to teach our children to succeed. [Read more](#)

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