Introduction
On February 1st, 2024, the GID Lab worked with the Institute of Black Justice (IBJ) design team to envision the creation of a multicultural, service hub to serve communities in need. With the help of the GID Lab’s facilitation, the goal was to accumulate all the work completed from November 2023 to February 2024 design workshops to create the THRIVE CENTER prototype.

Design Challenge
“How might we create a family and youth services center that improves behavioral health, financial services, and promotes the capacity to thrive?”

In a fast-paced, collaborative setting, the Institute of Black Justice team participated in a design sprint workshop to quickly build upon their design challenge. These were the topics worked on across the three stations:
- User and Programs
- Stakeholders
- Processes and Timeline

Teams discussed and developed plans surrounding what programs would be offered, who in the community will benefit, measurements of success when established, funds, budgets, and timelines concerning the process.

The plans generated created a better vision of the prosperity and future launch of the Thrive Center.

Workshop Reflection
From empathizing with community needs centered around justice to undergoing multiple facilitated rounds of defining and ideation, the Thrive Center prototype was well on its way. Aiming for a tentative opening in June of 2025, the compressed time of the workshop was truly the key to brilliance!

“A space that will hold what our hearts carry everyday!” - Carol Mitchell, founder and CEO of IBJ

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