



YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES

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Hear from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In this short note, YES wants to recognize two long-term community champions who have made significant contributions to our mission to provide academic and enrichment services to youth from socially and economically disadvantaged communities over the last 15 years.



Attorney Tiffany Sizemore-Thompson has been a volunteer Board Member with YES since 2009. Tiffany has assisted YES with juvenile diversion programs as an advocate and attorney working in the clinical setting as a professor at Duquesne University. No matter how busy or complicated Tiffany's life is, she attends our Board meetings regularly and improves the lives of juveniles who are unfortunately entangled in the criminal justice system. Tiffany's positive attitude, warm affirming smile, and keen focus on doing right by youth and families are not to be challenged.

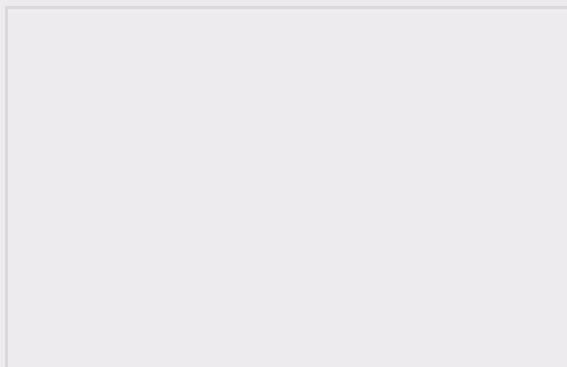
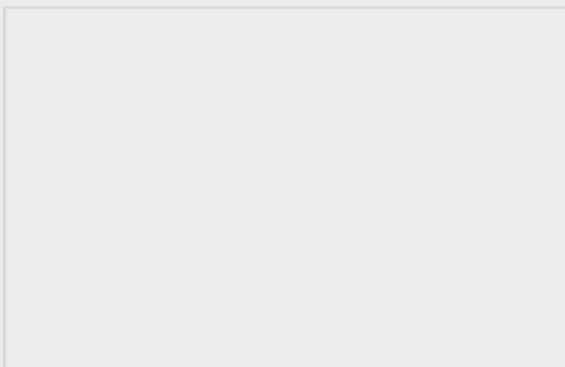
State Representative Ed Gainey is another community champion. We value and appreciate his authentic and organic leadership in the community. We thank him for going to battle for YES anytime, anyplace, and anywhere. Rarely do you find professionals that stretch themselves as much as Rep Gainey does. We cannot thank him enough and the leadership he displays for YES is the same level of commitment he has for the entire city.

We at Youth Enrichment Services, Inc. applaud their efforts, acknowledge their contributions, and are very excited to share that publicly. Please join us in celebrating these two community champions, Attorney Tiffany Sizemore-Thompson and State Representative Ed Gainey.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Jones'.

Dr. Jones





Summer Youth Employment Efforts Underway: Learn & Earn Application Opens

Every summer, YES engages nearly 150 youth in transformative summer employment programs through Learn & Earn, a 6-week workforce development opportunity for Allegheny County youth ages 14-21. No youth should miss out on this opportunity. Please direct interested young people to the [application link](#) and additional questions to Stephanie Peterson via email: speterson@yespgh.org.



New Programming Begins: Business Education Partnership Program

April marked the start of YES' Business Education Partnership Program with Pittsburgh Public Schools. Through this endeavor, youths in Westinghouse's Career and Technical education engage in career readiness workshops as well gain mentorship and employment with industry professionals through the City of Pittsburgh. Learn more by emailing Anay Pope, apope@yespgh.org



YES Evidences Its Motivational Mentorship Model

YES recently published a paper on their motivational mentorship model in the Journal of Youth Development. This model establishes the framework on which all YES programs are built and cultivates long-term relationships, academic and professional success, and community engagement among low-income, adolescent students of color. Check out this foundational paper [here](#).

Volunteer with YES

Are you in the marketplace for a place to volunteer? Do you want to share your talent and skills as a mentor? If so, we would be excited to have you interview for a position on our board of directors or lend your expertise as a volunteer mentor for the young teens and youth who populate our programs. We promise you will love it! Click [here](#) to express your interest.

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