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Future Leaders United for Change Officer Jazzman Lezama (far right) participates in a panel discussion about the impact of equity on violence, trauma and resiliency at the 2017 Youth Summit.

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YSD Doctoral Internship Program Receives APA Accreditation



YSD Education and Training staff members who worked on a self study for the APA accreditation: (l-r) Senior Clerk Typist Giselle Badillo, Psychologist Dr. Amanda Terrell; Chief of Clinical Services Dr. Shayna Ginsburg; and Psychologists Dr. Laura Levin and Dr. Loren Berry.

The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's (YSD) [Residential Treatment & Family Counseling Division's](#) Doctoral Internship Program received full accreditation from the American Psychological Association for seven years, the maximum period granted.

"We have always known that our internship program is remarkable, and now we have even more validation," said Dr. Shayna Ginsburg, Youth Services Education and Training Center Chief of Clinical Services. "This exciting news will serve as motivation to continue to enhance our training program."

YSD's [Education and Training Center](#) is a community resource for primary prevention through education, training and professional development. It provides free services to parents, children, families, school personnel and mental health professionals in Palm Beach County. The center is responsible for developing and implementing trainings, workshops and community outreach activities. It also serves as a student/trainee placement site for doctoral interns, postdoctoral residents and doctoral/master's level practicum students.

Highridge Family Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary



(L to R) Chief of Clinical Services at the Highridge Family Center Dr. Twila Taylor, YSD Director Tammy K. Fields, County Administrator Verdenia Baker, YSD Director of Finance, Contracting & Administrative Services Michelle Liska, and C.L. Brumback Clinics Patient and Physician Relations Liaison Milagros Rodriguez.

The [Highridge Family Center](#) celebrated its 20th anniversary with a carnival celebration on April 1. The event also unveiled the center’s new trauma-informed services based on the Sanctuary Model.

The Highridge Family Center offers a three-to-four-month, weekday residential treatment program for Palm Beach County youth, ages 11-16, who are experiencing problems at home, school, with friends and in the community. YSD partners with the School District of Palm Beach County to provide school instruction on campus in a small classroom setting.

The Sanctuary Model is an evidence-supported model for clinical and organizational change. At its core, the model promotes safety and recovery from adversity through the

active creation of a trauma-informed community and a focus on resiliency in spite of adverse childhood events (ACEs).

“We recognize that trauma can have long-lasting effects well into adulthood,” Tammy Fields, Palm Beach County Youth Services Department director said. “Our goal is to build resilience in the children we serve by providing a supportive system of care.”

Event attendees toured the Highridge Family Center, learned about the center’s services and community resources, and enjoyed games and refreshments. Among those in attendance were Mayor Paulette Burdick, County Administrator Verdenia Baker, and Assistant County Administrators Todd Bonlarron and Nancy Bolton.



(L to R) Education & Training Center Student Jie Zhu, Education & Training Center Senior Clerk Typist Giselle Badillo, Education & Training Center Chief of Clinical Services Dr. Shayna Ginsburg, Director of Residential Treatment & Family Counseling Dr. Tony Spaniol and Education & Training Center Psychologist Dr. Amanda Terrell

2017 Youth Summit



Racial Equity Institute Managing Director Deena Hayes-Greene



The summit was open to middle and high school students.

The 2017 Youth Summit was held April 22, at Palm Beach Lakes High School. The summit's theme was "Open Your Mind."

Racial Equity Institute Managing Director Deena Hayes-Greene was the event's keynote speaker. Future Leaders United for Change Officer Jazzman Lezama participated in a panel discussion about the impact of equity on

violence, trauma and resiliency. Palm Beach Lakes High School students also performed the skit "Aftermath," which focused on the consequences of substance abuse and criminal activity on the life of an adolescent.

Topics discussed included career pathways, building healthy relationships and self-esteem, resiliency, cyber-bullying, and gang and substance abuse prevention.



Palm Beach Lakes High School students perform the skit "Aftermath"

Denim Day



YSD Administration and Outreach & Community Programming Division



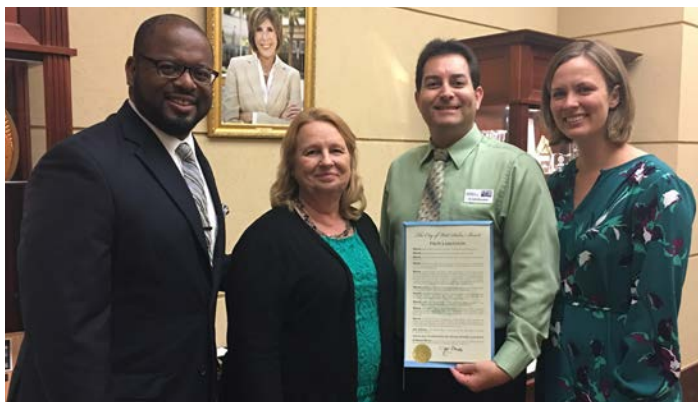
Youth & Family Counseling, Four Points



Finance, Contracting & Administrative Services Division

YSD wore denim on April 26 in honor of National Denim Day, a global event to protest sexual assault myths and stereotypes.

YSD Supports Special Causes



At the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 2, a proclamation was presented declaring May 2017 Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month in Palm Beach County.



(L to R) Licensed Family Therapist Crystal Gonzalez, LMHC, Psychology Trainee Patty Russo, MA, and Intern Craig Kramer, PsyD.

May 2017 was Mental Health Awareness & Trauma Informed Care Month in Palm Beach County. May 25 was designated as the day to wear green in solidarity.

Healthier Delray; City of Delray Beach; NAMI Palm Beach County; Children’s Services Council; Prime Time Palm Beach County; Gulfstream Goodwill Industries; Palm Tran; Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County; Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County; United Way of Palm Beach County; Healthier Jupiter and the Alliance for

Eating Disorders Awareness were among the organizations that wore green in unity.

Also in support and to raise awareness, YSD’s Education & Training Center, as well as Youth & Family Counseling team presented at various libraries throughout the County. Intern Craig Kramer, PsyD, Psychology Trainee Patty Russo, MA, and Licensed Family Therapist Crystal Gonzalez, LMHC, presented on “Positive Parenting” at the Royal Palm Beach, Lantana and Acreage library branches.



YSD Administration and Outreach & Community Programming Division



Education & Training Center



Youth & Family Counseling, South

May 25 was also Red Nose Day, a day to come together to help end child poverty.



Education & Training Center



Four Points



Youth & Family Counseling, West

YSD Participates in “Ties That Bind” Initiative

YSD Senior Program Specialist and Palm Beach County My Brother’s Keeper Task Force Leader Ike Powell participated in the City of West Palm Beach “Ties That Bind” initiative on May 20, at Shiloh Family Worship Center. The initiative brought together community and civic leaders and was hosted by West Palm Beach City Commissioner Cory Neering, in partnership with local leaders.

Attendees included Palm Beach County Commissioner Mack Bernard, State Senator Bobby Powell, State Representative Al Jacquet and West Palm Beach Commissioner Shanon Materio.

This proactive initiative provided the 40 young men in attendance, ages 14-19, a day filled with mentorship and conversations on civic engagement, decision making, law enforcement interactions, and male responsibility. Attendees shared their stories and recommendations for personal development.



The day culminated with leaders providing each of the young men with neckties and one-on-one instructions on how to tie a necktie. Additionally, event participants established mentor relationships and opportunities for further collaboration.

Future Leaders United for Change: Sowing the Seeds of Community

The youth-led group [Future Leaders United for Change](#) (Future Leaders) held a workshop-style council meeting on Tuesday, May 30. The meeting was hosted by Debra Tendrich, founder and CEO of Eat Better Live Better, accompanied by Eric Gordon, Rotary International District 6930 District Governor 2016-2017.

During the meeting, the Future Leaders learned about healthy eating habits and tips to enable a seamless transition into a healthy lifestyle. Poor diets lead to obesity, low self-esteem, poor school attendance, bullying, anxiety, depression, and an abundance of other medical and psychological conditions. The Future Leaders also discussed the connection between a healthy lifestyle and the issues that plague the community. In addition, a decision to provide healthier eating options at upcoming meetings was reviewed.

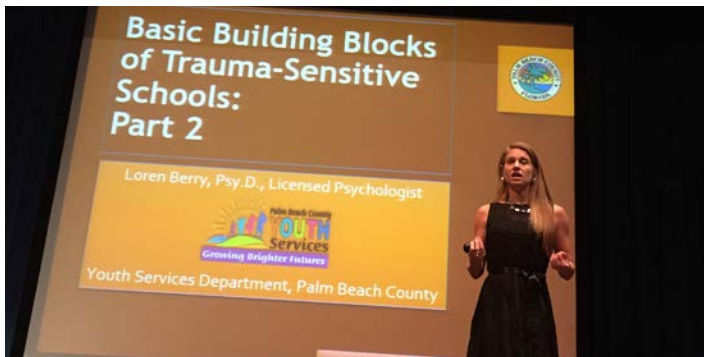
The team also discussed their future project One Seed One Plant, One County, an outreach effort between Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures, Future Leaders United for Change, Palm Beach County governments and community partners. This project’s purpose is to alleviate hunger, foster good health and wellness, and create economic access throughout the County. Future Leaders will plant a



community garden, and the first fruit tree will be planted at a designated plot at CareerSource Palm Beach County. The site will also serve as a memorial for the late Michelle Dryer, former Director of Community Partnerships at Career Source Palm Beach County.

Future Leaders is a cadre of Palm Beach County youth, ages 11 to 22. Its mission is to be the voice of youth in Palm Beach County and create leaders through self-motivation, determination and education. The group’s purpose is to raise awareness of youth concerns and help develop solutions to address identified issues.

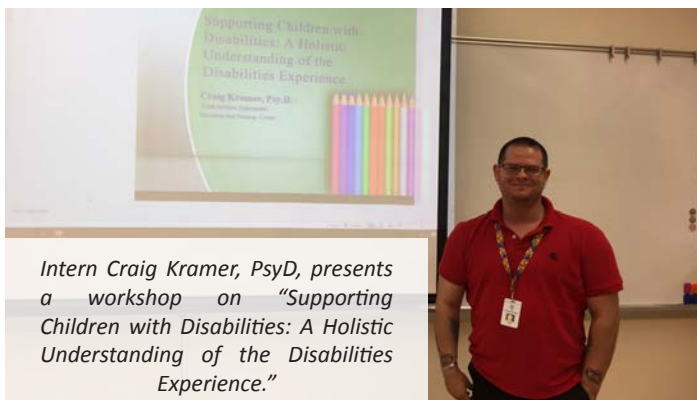
YSD Recognized at 4th Annual Student Mental Health and Wellness Conference



Psychologist Loren Berry, PsyD delivered a keynote address on "Basic Building Blocks of Trauma-Sensitive Schools."



The YSD Education and Training Center team represented the department.



Intern Craig Kramer, PsyD, presents a workshop on "Supporting Children with Disabilities: A Holistic Understanding of the Disabilities Experience."



Psychologists Amanda Terrell, PsyD, and Loren Berry, PsyD, on "Trauma Toolkit for Middle and High School Educators."

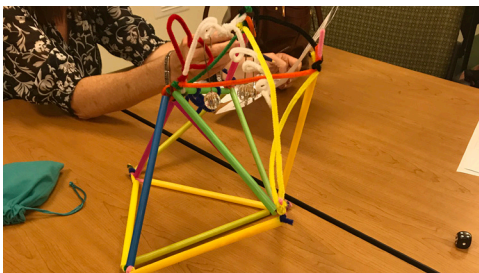
The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department was recognized as a Silver Level Sponsor at the 4th Annual Student Mental Health and Wellness Conference on June 7, at Park Vista Community High School.

The Youth Services' [Education and Training Center](#) team represented the department at the resource fair, which had approximately 280 conference attendees.

Youth Services psychologist Loren Berry, PsyD delivered

a keynote address on "Basic Building Blocks of Trauma-Sensitive Schools." Workshops were also presented by Youth Services intern Craig Kramer, PsyD, on "Supporting Children with Disabilities: A Holistic Understanding of the Disabilities Experience," and by psychologists Amanda Terrell, PsyD, and Loren Berry, PsyD, on "Trauma Toolkit for Middle and High School Educators." Continuing Education Units were provided by Education and Training Center Chief of Clinical Services Shayna Ginsburg, PsyD, to the psychologists in attendance.

Brain Architecture Game



At the [Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures](#) Trauma Informed Action Team meeting on June 12, members participated in the Brain Architecture Game.

This activity stresses the effects of trauma on the development of the early brain, and the positive impact of strong supports.

Save the Date: Ready by 21 National Meeting Headed to Palm Beach County



Palm Beach County will be the host location for next year's 7th Annual Ready by 21 National Meeting, from April 18-20, 2018.

"The work we are doing with Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures and the Youth

Master Plan was a major factor in their consideration, and the work done by the Tourist Development Council partners brought it to fruition," said YSD Department Director Tammy Fields.

YSD Collects Donations for Pets

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control sent out an appeal for participation in a "Summer Kitten Shower" on June 24-25. YSD Fiscal Specialist Donna Elliott solicited donations for both kittens and puppies. Numerous items were collected and sent to Animal Care and Control.



Youth(led) Summit



Devonte Ho-Hing promotes art and creativity with Chocolate Bamboo



Future Leaders United for Change Media Chair Ketena Jean Jacques

Future Leaders United for Change participated in the Youth(led) Summit on Tuesday, June 27, at Barton Elementary School.

Summit attendees participated in breakout sessions, team building and character building.

Show of Appreciation for YSD's Summer Camp Scholarship Program

YSD's [Summer Camp Scholarship Program](#) has awarded 2,934 scholarships and approved 110 camps. The number of educational camps focusing on school readiness has increased from 14 sites in 2016 to 22 sites this summer. These educational camps help children retain and keep their reading, math and other academic skills sharp during the summer.

The program has also added one special needs camp, one sports camp in Riviera Beach, and two educational sites in

Belle Glade (separate from the Pahokee and Canal Point sites).

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program provides full-tuition and fees for summer camp for children residing in families with income at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. It allows parents to work with the knowledge that their children are safe. It gives children educational and recreational opportunities for growth. Parents may choose from participating camps in Palm Beach County.

Good afternoon Tania,

The Slomin Family Center has been a beautiful summer camp for them, they have enjoyed it to the fullest. My son, who has been diagnosed with Autism, is not fond of many places. I know, because he has attended other camps.

Here, he is happy. He wakes up each morning and I do not need to wrestle with him to go to camp. Not to mention my daughter, she has helped other children to socialize. So, thank you very much for everything. Keep moving forward with helping more children and families with special needs.

Thank you.

Dear Jacqueline,

Thank you so much for working so hard to make sure my grandchildren would have the greatest summer ever. This is their first experience with summer camp and they can't get to camp fast enough and never want the day to end.

I know you and your staff deserve super kudos for a job well done.

Best wishes.

Not One Hungry Homeless Student Weekend Backpacking Event



Living Hungry and the South Florida Hunger Coalition invited the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department and Future Leaders United for Change to participate with 300 Florida County Commissioners, County Administrators, County Attorneys and other local government leaders in the "Not One Hungry Homeless Student Weekend Backpacking" event on Wednesday, June 28, at the Palm



(L to R) Assistant County Administrator Todd Bonlarron, United Way of Palm Beach County President & CEO Laurie George and Assistant County Administrator Nancy Bolton

Beach County Convention Center.

Attendees hand packed 502 weekend backpacks of food including handwritten notes of encouragement for homeless youth in the County. This event was part of the Florida Association of Counties' 2017 Annual Conference & Educational Exposition.

Do the Write Thing Challenge



to help eliminate it.

YSD participated in this year's Do the Write Thing Challenge. The Challenge offers Palm Beach County middle school students a supportive forum to share their thoughts and feelings about how youth violence affects their life and what they can personally do

questions about youth violence through a personal essay:

- How has youth violence affected my life?
- What are the causes of youth violence?
- What can I do to reduce youth violence?

YSD received more than 300 essays for review. A special thanks goes to Tammy Fields, Amanda Terrell, Laurie Pine Farber, Ike Powell, Aline Jesus Rafi, Stacey King, Tanya Tibby, John Harre, Tamika Kramer, Rebeca Krogman, Patty Hindle, and Crystal Gonzalez for volunteering to read and evaluate the essays.

The program is comprised of a classroom discussion and a challenge for students to address three important

School District of Palm Beach County and Prime Time Palm Beach County Receive Wallace Foundation Grant



YSD assisted the School District of Palm Beach County and Prime Time Palm Beach County in securing a four year grant from the Wallace Foundation. The grant will be used to promote social and emotional learning for children, youth and adults in our community.

"The time, commitment and expertise that YSD brought to the planning committee was invaluable and your work to help us align our initiative with the Youth Master Plan was essential in securing the grant," Prime Time Palm Beach County President/CEO Suzette Harvey said.

The first year of funding will be between \$1 and \$1.5 million, shared by Prime Time and the School District. These funds will be used to support children in developing positive social and emotional skills, such as self-control, persistence, teamwork and goal-setting. These attributes are linked to success in school, career and life.

YSD Youth & Family Counseling Team Out in the Community



Criminal Justice Commission Community Engagement Task Force

- *April 8* - Licensed Family Therapist Filise Jules, LMHC, and Chief of Community Based Clinical Services Tanya L. Tibby, LCSW, participated in the Haitian American Chamber Health and Career Fair at Lake Worth High School.
- *April 22* - Senior Clerk Typist Debbie Sandler, Licensed Family Therapists Crystal Gonzalez, LMHC, and Elise Powell, LMHC, participated in the "Open Your Mind" Youth Summit.
- *May 24* - Licensed Family Therapist Elise Powell, LMHC, participated in Freedom Shores Elementary School's Career Day.
- *May 24* - Licensed Family Therapist

Crystal Gonzalez, LMHC, presented at the Acreage Library Branch. The theme was Mental Health Matters and the topic was Positive Parenting.

- *June 22* - Licensed Family Therapist Filise Jules, LMHC, attended the Criminal Justice Commission Community Engagement Task Force.
- *June 28* - Chief of Community Based Clinical Service Tanya L. Tibby, LCSW, participated in the Palm Beach County Library Association Annual Meeting held at the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center and presented information about YSD's programs.

YSD's Summer Food Service Program Increases Site Numbers



(L to R) YSD Summer Food Service Program Interns Matthew Leavitt (FSU), Thelmarcia Williams (NOVA), Kayla Dawson (FSU), Martina Thomas (UCF), Dan Baker (FAU), Destiny Jasper (FAU), Christian Allen (PBSC), Leslie Roman (FAU), and YSD Program Coordinator Gus Wessel. Not pictured: Lorenz Small (FAMU) and Gerard Fulton (Bethune-Cookman)

YSD's [Summer Food Service Program](#) (SFSP) has acquired 18 new sites. Currently, the program has 73 open sites in Palm Beach County, from Boca Raton to Jupiter, out to the Glades. Since 2013, SFSP has served 1,144,644 meals. In 2016 alone, SFSP served 231,099 meals.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides healthy, free meals and snacks available to youth in Palm Beach County during the summer months. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), administered and monitored by the Youth Services Department and funded by the USDA, provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to help children in low-income areas. This helps ensure children receive the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow, throughout the summer months when they are out of school.

St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church would like to thank the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department for this wonderful program. It was a pleasure working with PBC Youth Services. Everyone from PBC Youth Services was very friendly, supportive, and accommodating. The delivery service was also excellent and on-time. St. Mary's Camp children and parents were very appreciative of the meals.

Sincerely,

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Campaign for Black Male Achievement Features Palm Beach County



The Campaign for Black Male Achievement (CBMA) selected and featured Palm Beach County during the "CBMA Promise of Place Webinar: A Focus on Excellence – Raising the Bar for Cities Supporting Black Men & Boys!"

Speakers included Ike Powell, My Brother's Keeper Network of Palm Beach County task force leader and

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department senior program specialist; Gary Graham, United Way of Palm Beach County senior director; Brian Knowles, manager of the School District of Palm Beach County's African, African American, Latino, and Gender Studies; and Deandre Poole, Ph.D., chairman of the Coalition for Black Student Achievement.

Service Award Recipients

The following YSD employees are being honored for their years of service, loyalty and dedication:



Barbara Clark
RTFC
Senior Clerk Typist

Dr. Tony Spaniol
RTFC
Director of Residential
Treatment & Family Counseling



Pat Cruzata
RTFC
Senior Secretary



Patty Hindle
FCA
Contracts/Grants Coordinator

Barbara Wheeler
FCA
Contract Manager



Jackie Taylor
RTFC
Family Counselor

Farewell and Thank You

This quarter we said farewell and thank you to Licensed Family Therapist Jackie Taylor and Secretary Lorna Ebanks.

Jackie served Palm Beach County for 40 years and Lorna for 28. Thank you for their years of service, loyalty and dedication.

"Dear Valued Co-workers,

As most of you know, after forty and a half enjoyable years at Youth Services, I am retiring. Before my departure, I want to share my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support, encouragement and guidance. Over the years you all have played a major role in my professional development.

I look back with gratitude because I entered a profession dedicated to assisting young people achieve their potential and finding their best selves. As I move forward I'm extremely excited to begin my next chapter traveling; exploring the U.S. and spending leisure time with my family.

I wish you all success in the future and I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with you. You are a special group of people and I will definitely miss you.

*Sincerely,
Jackie"*

Q&A with Donna Elliott



At YSD, we view our employees as one of our biggest strengths. This quarter, we're featuring Fiscal Specialist Donna Elliott. Donna processes the department payroll and human resource matters, maintains the department organizational charts, is responsible for the department records management and related training of staff, and

maintains personnel files, among other tasks.

1. Where is your hometown?

Hawthorne, New Jersey - a quaint, colonial town surrounded by the Watchung Mountains. I moved to Florida 29 years ago.

2. What was your first job?

I was a page at Louis Bay II Public Library in Hawthorne. I love books and reading - especially good mysteries! One of my joys is donating my books to the Palm Beach County Library. This helps people purchase books at a minimal cost and helps fund our library system.

3. What are the three most important skills you need for your job?

In order to meet the demands of my job, I believe these skills are most important: organization, coupled with the ability to think outside the box, staunchness to detail and patience.

4. What is your favorite thing about your job at YSD?

Well, first and foremost, I am thrilled to be one of the "foundation stones" for our new department. I worked for the Public Safety Department, Youth Affairs Division, which blossomed into the Youth Services Department. Most of my present duties were those that I performed for my former division and have grown into a departmental scope. I love knowing that my work, although not directly involved with the youth of our county, is integral to support our overall mission. My work equips my fellow employees with the knowledge, technical access, and benefits afforded them by the department and Palm Beach County. Go TEAM YSD!

5. Is there a memorable moment that you would like to share in relation to your work here, at YSD?

Wow! There have been quite a few. My everyday joy comes from helping others and my diversified duties allow me ample opportunities to do just that. I would say that having the opportunity to represent our department and interact with the public at the Back to School Bash, United

Way Campaign, and the South Florida Fair have always brought joy to my heart. Meeting Quinton Aaron (The Blind Side), who founded the Quinton Aaron Foundation which supports anti-bullying efforts to support kids and teens in our communities and schools, was quite an honor.

6. What hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

I love to walk (always with Milk Bone biscuits in my pocket for the neighborhood dogs), bike ride, swim and read. I am a diehard Packer's fan and love the football season. I'm always up for an occasional game of bingo.

7. What is the most important lesson you've learned in the last year?

There are actually three things I've come to recognize this past year: to be as patient with myself as with others, to seriously take care of my health, and not to waste one moment of life simply to gain the approval of others. Everyone is unique and it is, therefore, impossible to please everyone at all times.

8. Where would you like to go on a dream vacation?

I would like to explore every state of this wonderful country we are blessed to live in! I am particularly looking forward to attending a Packer's home game at Lambeau, the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, and going on the Maid of the Mist boat tour at Niagara Falls.

9. What is your favorite quote?

I have two favorites: "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37 verse 4 and a quote from Robert F. Kennedy, which he used often in his speeches and was a paraphrase of Bernard Shaw: "There are those that look at things the way they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were and ask why not?" We must never lose hope of making a difference in this world. Our focus shouldn't be on monumental achievements but rather the little things that make a difference in the lives of everyone we come in contact with - a warm smile, sincerely asking how they are, and maintaining a magnanimous spirit for all.

10. Who or what inspires you?

Those who have inspired me have always been my Savior, Jesus, and my mother, Emily. She was a woman of deep faith and, despite a very difficult life, remained always a woman of integrity and grace. She had only an elementary education, but abundant common sense wisdom; which proved pivotal in my life.

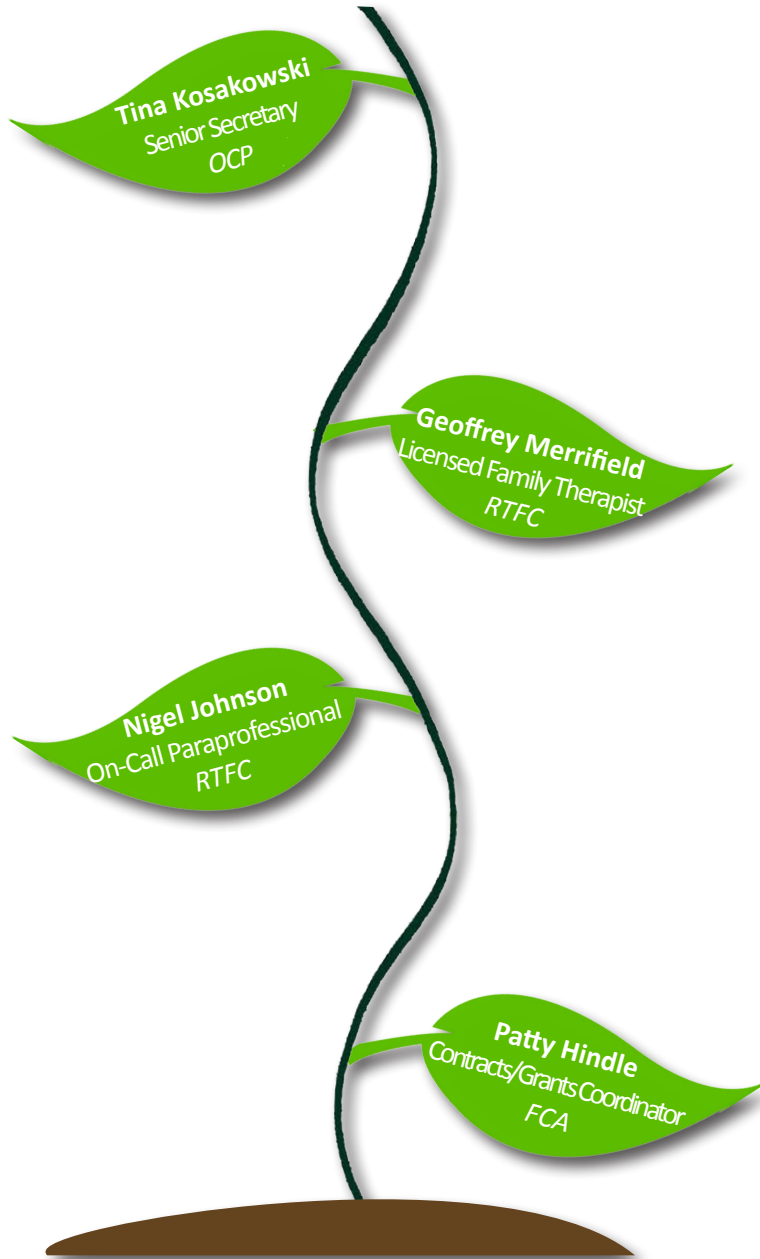
11. Bonus Question: Is there something about you that your fellow coworkers would be surprised to know?

Few people know that my favorite flower is the beautiful, aromatic lilac. Unfortunately, lilac bushes do not grow here in south Florida.

YSD is Growing!

Join us in welcoming our newest team members!

The following YSD employees were hired between April 1 and June 30.

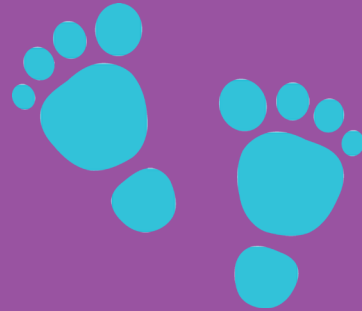


Well Done!



Program Evaluator Aline Jesus Rafi, earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA. Aline is a great asset to the YSD team with her research and evaluation skills.

Congratulations!



Family Therapist Nohemi Medrano welcomed a baby boy on May 27. Xavier weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.

“He is a healthy and sleepy baby,” Nohemi said.

Promotions



Adrian Graham
RTFC

Juvenile Residence Technician

Marjorie Auguste
RTFC

Residential Youth Coordinator

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.”

- Benjamin Franklin



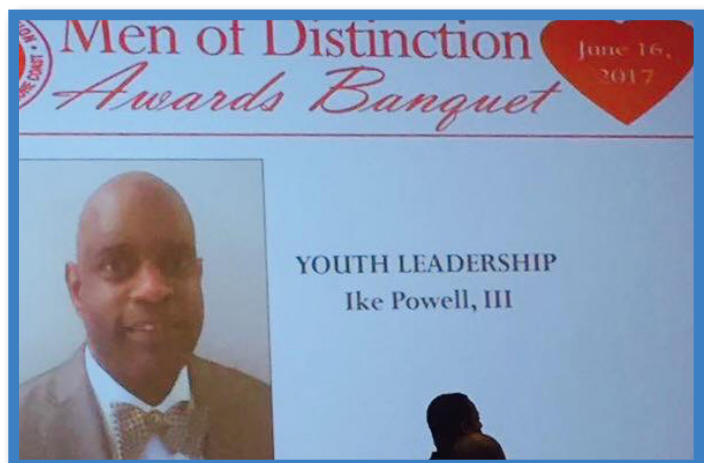
YSD Planner Gregory Gabriel attended the 2017 Esri Public Sector GIS Conference at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on April 11-13.



Ike Powell, YSD senior program specialist and My Brother's Keeper Network of Palm Beach County task force leader, provides instruction on how to tie a necktie to one of the young men at the "Ties That Bind" initiative on May 30.



Licensed Family Therapist Crystal Gonzalez, Director of Outreach & Community Programming Geeta Loach-Jacobson and Licensed Family Therapist Elise Powell participated in the 2017 Youth Summit on April 22.



YSD Senior Program Specialist Ike Powell was honored for Youth Leadership during the Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast, Inc.'s Men of Distinction Awards Banquet on June 16, at the Riviera Beach Marina.



YSD Grant Compliance Specialist Marlene Etienne speaks about diversity, uniqueness and embracing your cultural background, during a club meeting at ASPIRA of Florida on June 20.



YSD Education and Training Center Psychologist Loren Berry, PsyD, and Psychology Trainee Patty Russo, MS, represented YSD in the My Life event on June 21, for youth who have experience with mental health, substance use, foster care and/or other challenges.

Share Feedback and Stories!

Do you have feedback on our newsletter or have an awesome story to share? We'd love to hear from you!

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