



YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES

June 2021

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COVID-19 Vaccine Partnership

Youth Enrichment Services has initiated a partnership with Gateway Health to conduct a series of onsite vaccinations for YES' youth, families, and partners. These vaccination dates are June 10, June 24. Any youth 12 years of age



or older with parents' permission is able to be vaccinated. As summer programs kick off, YES wants to have as much of a normal summer as possible and getting everyone vaccinated is imperative. If you would like to schedule a vaccination, please contact [Stephanie Peterson](#).

Best,

Dr. Jones



Fall Programs Close & Summer Programs Open

Students are finishing up their school year, and YES is closing out fall programming. Although YES reimagined its school year programming, students still experienced sizable academic, personal, and professional gains, and enjoyed meeting with YES staff over Zoom to receive homework help,



Isaac Graves - Budding Entrepreneur & Tech Mogul

Isaac Graves is a student at Pittsburgh Public School's Allderdice and a CTE student in the entertainment tech program. We have the pleasure of working with Isaac through our newly created Business Education Partnership Program. Isaac has been a committed student since day 1 of the

mentoring, college prep, and career exploration. Students celebrated the end of the virtual year with an outing to Urban Air this week! With school year programming finishing, summer programming is now underway at YES. We are planning a robust and comprehensive experience for students and look forward to a summer of wellness, fun, social reconnection, cultural exposure, learning, and accomplishments.

program, but he is even more impressive in his personal life. Isaac is the host of his own podcast called IG After Dark, focused on popular stories in the world of technology and motor vehicles. He is also the host of the documentary series "The People Respond". This documentary series is a collaborative talk show-like anthology that focuses on racial and social justice issues in today's society. Additionally, he is the owner of his own screen fixing business!



Commemorating Clint CJ Gandy, A former YES Participant

Clint Gandy, lovingly and affectionately known to his YES peers as CJ, passed away tragically in May due to a head injury at the tender age of 32. CJ was full of life and laughter and loved his time as a YES participant. He, along with his four brothers, was involved in YES' academic, enrichment, and employment programs in the early 2000s and was a leader amongst his peers. He constantly brought joy and positive energy to any space and will forever be remembered for his charming smile, warm spirit, and commitment to his family and community. We at YES will miss him dearly but will cherish his legacy, always.

YES Selected to Lead Period Poverty Advocacy Project

During last week's Period Poverty Awareness Week, YES and the Western PA Diaper Bank formally announced their partnership to create a Period Advocacy program for youth to participate in. The program will be weaved into YES' Learn and Earn efforts and provide young people the opportunity to learn about period poverty, intersectionality, and other related topics. The program will also allow participants to understand that their voices have power and that they have the ability to advocate on a local, regional, and national scale for issues in which they believe. Check out this work in greater detail [here](#).



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