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Yaniyah Pearson Named Director of City of Newburgh Department of Human Services

Yaniyah Pearson, M.A. has been named the Director of the recently created City of Newburgh Department of Human Services, which encompasses Youth Bureau, Youth and Family services, after-school programs, senior recreation services, and the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Department.



The purpose of the Department of Human Services is to work with other departments, community partners and concerned residents to maximize our ability to serve the people of the city.

“Newburgh is a City rich in natural resources, our beautiful waterfront, historical buildings and its residents. Our services are designed to enhance the human potential of, not only our children, but of all residents. Is it important to Services identify and build on our strengths, provide a pathways to success for our children and young adults, and provide opportunities for a meaningful life for our elders,” said Ms. Pearson.

A City of Newburgh resident, Yaniyah Pearson has 27 years of experience in the field of youth program development, , and 12 years experience in not-for profit agency administration. Yaniyah has a passion for developing leadership in young people. She trained and traveled with young leaders of color to the Russia and Uzbekistan. She has trained hundreds of youth workers and managers throughout the United States and Europe.

In 1996 she started and operated YouthBuild Brownsville, a vocational and leadership development program for young adults in Brooklyn. As chair of the New York City YouthBuild Collaborative, Yaniyah was appointed to the New York City Workforce Investment Act Youth Council and established policies for New York City’s Youth Workforce development. Currently she serves on the Waterfront Advisory Committee and is an adjunct professor at Dominican College-Blauvelt. She is also a published author.

“Yaniyah Pearson brings valuable experience and skills, and knowledge of the community to our Human Services Department. We are very pleased to welcome her to our team,” said City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane.

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