



YTC

“There are no bad kids, just bad circumstances”

Amani Sheard & Haniah Jones



# Goals

- To step in the lives of someone else to then deeper understand them better in hopes to end youth homelessness and learn to appreciate what we have in the process.
- To help promote and enforce the goals of the YTC program to those who need it.



# Research

**Every Year, More Than 2 Million Kids in  
America Will Face a Period of  
Homelessness**



**According to a study of youth in shelters, nearly 50% reported intense conflict or physical harm by a family member as a major contributing factor to their homelessness.**



**Almost 40% of the homeless in the United States are under 18.**



# Process

1. Researching shelters
2. Exploring events each shelter had
3. Meetings with director
4. Helping with set up
5. Release forms
6. Conducting interviews
7. Visits

**Release Form for Video and Photos**

Dear Mr. Dante Leonard:

As a student at Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber, We are doing our senior class projects at The Youth Transition RHY Center. As a part of the requirements, We are required to create a project that demonstrates civic engagement and community involvement.

As part of this process I would like to include some photos, videotapes and/or class work from residents. Although the photos and tapes involve the students, and ourselves the primary focus is on us, not on the students in class. During taping or photographing, the residents may appear in the pictures, but only a voice or silhouette.

No student names will appear with any materials that are submitted. All materials will be kept confidential. The form below will be used to document your permission for these activities.

Sincerely,

Amani Sheard & Haniah Jones

Student Name: Raniyah Clanton

I am the legal guardian of the child named above. I have received and read your letter regarding the development of a Senior class project and agree to the following:  
Please check the appropriate box:

I **DO** give my permission to you to include my child's image on videotape or photos as he or she participates in focus group conducted at The Youth Transition Center by Amani Sheard and Haniah Jones and to reproduce materials that my child may produce as part of classroom activities. No names will appear on any material submitted by the aforementioned students.

I **DO NOT** give my permission to videotape my child or to reproduce materials that my child may produce as part of classroom activities.

Signature of Resource Director: [Signature]

Date: 4.16.18

# Goals

- ❖ The end goal is to help influence the community and go beyond what we know. This will open up a new perspective for ourselves, for the teens in the shelter, and to the others we share this process with.
- ❖ Promoting youth shelters could be beneficial in a financial aspect as well.



# What Is YTC?



# YTC Explained

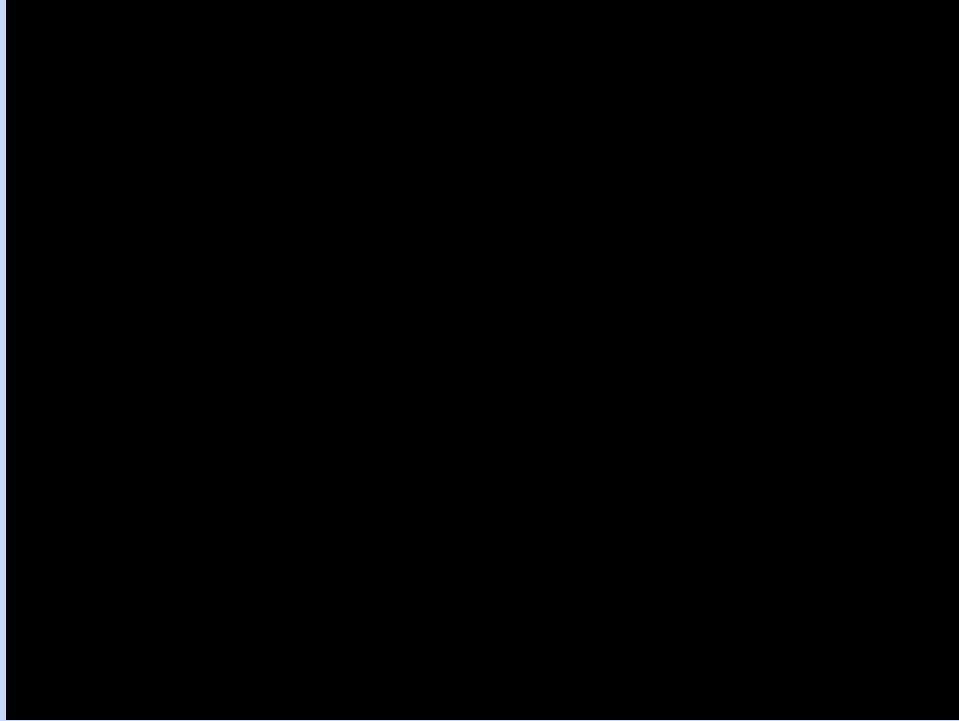
“The YTC Program is for homeless youth ages 14-17 yrs old and utilizes Positive Youth Development (PYD) Best Practice Models, while incorporating Trauma informed care and Harm Reduction approaches. Through mentoring, education, case management, and employment readiness training, YTC concentrates on building satisfying lives. YTC is dedicated to helping homeless youth, their families, and the community by offering holistic strength-based services. “

# Mission statement

- ❖ To promote a quality lifestyle for homeless runaway youth through family reunification, transitional housing, education, *mentoring*, vocational training, and job placement assistance; therefore, reducing crime, homelessness and increasing public safety.



# Donte Lenord: Resouce Director



# Course of action

➤ Research

➤ Tours

➤ Interviews

➤ Hands on interactions

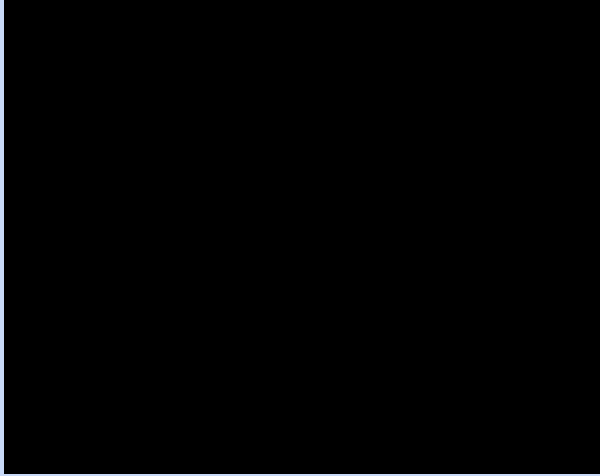
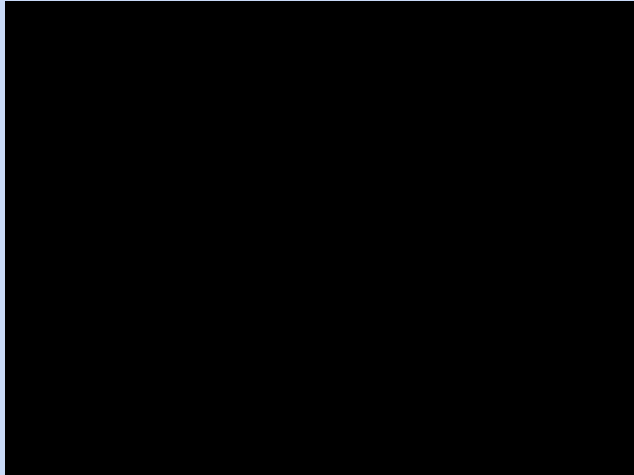
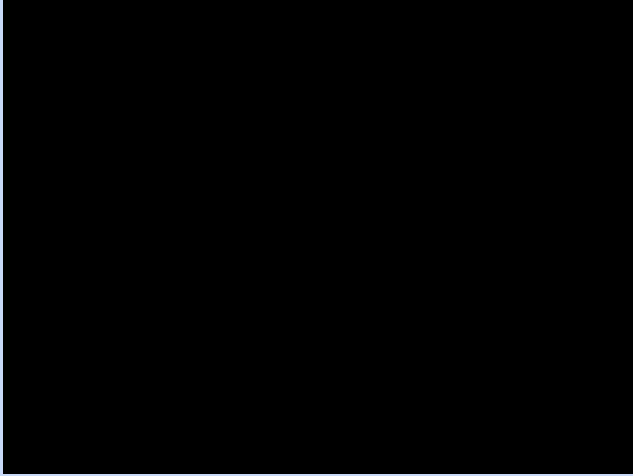


# Challenges

- A challenge that we anticipated, had to do with the fact that we've never been in a shelter.
- We were forced to step out of our comfort zone
- Not being able to interact with other teens the way we would like to.



# Tours:



# Interviews

## **Niy C.**

- 17 years old
- Junior at Philadelphia learning Academy

## **Kobe A.**

- N/A



# Events

- ❑ The center holds community meetings
- ❑ Gatherings for local politicians to speak
- ❑ Girl empowerment
- ❑ Youth empowerment





# Outcome/what we learned

- ❑ Overall Statistics

- ❑ Stories of interviewee's

- ❑ Get advice~Give Advice

# MLA Citations

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