## Do You Have What It Takes?

Here in Shawnee, our kids have factors that lead them to think that the answer will always be NO...

- Nearly 26% of families in Shawnee live in poverty
- Only 2 in 10 black students (on free & reduced lunch) are at a proficient score in reading
- Only 10% of the students who graduate from the Academy at Shawnee are considered college ready
- In Shawnee Middle schools, only 10% of the students are proficient in math and in the high schools it is only 7 %

These statistics show that our kids are at a disadvantage when preparing for the next steps in their lives. At the Y.E.S. Center, Inc., we want to provide them with opportunities that will supplement what they are getting in the classroom. We want to let them know that YES, they can do better in math and reading, YES, they can be more than their environment and YES, they can do anything they set their minds to. Are you willing to be a YES in their lives?

Say YES!!!!

## Youth, Ethics & Skills Center, Inc.

## Mission Statement:

The Y.E.S. Center serves as a resource and support organization empowering youth to become positive leaders at home, school, and in their communities. This is done by incorporating life and ethic skills training, social development, educational enrichment, values clarification and experiential learning opportunities through after-school, out-of-school activities and mentoring.

"Few people are given the opportunity to plant a seed and watch it grow. It is the mission of The Y.E.S. Center to help cultivate the future crops of Louisville's inner-city communities."

Founder – Kena Samuels Stith

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Project Goals:
The Y.E.S. Center's objective is to offer a facility that can teach concepts and skills which will empower youth, build self-esteem, confidence, stimulate self-sufficiency and assist participants in understanding the importance of good communication and presentation skills.

The Y.E.S. Center has year round programming for youth (grades 6th-8th) which offers an after school program and summer academy.

The Y.E.S. Center is located in the heart of Louisville's inner city at 3812 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky 40211.

