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**The Carlisle Youth Initiative strengthens Carlisle's future by uniting community partners to help ALL our local youth succeed with their education, development, and job search.**

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The Carlisle Youth Initiative (CYI) invites the public to participate in upcoming events designed to help our local youth succeed with their education, development, and job search.

## **1. Public Meeting of the CYI Mentoring, Education, and Training Team:**

- **6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**, Carlisle Police Station (240 Lincoln Street)
- **Taro Landis**, Carlisle Police Chief, said, "The primary purpose of this meeting is to recruit mentors for the 28 youth currently on the waiting list of our local Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. Our focus must be helping all our youth become good citizens."
- **Barrie Ann George**, Cumberland & Perry County Director of the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Capital Region, stated: "Young people throughout our community need your support, adult mentors can truly change the life of a child. Locally, Big Brothers Big Sisters currently has 28 youth waiting for mentors, boys and girls, from age 7 to 16 all who want and need a mentor. All of these kids are amazing, unique people who are simply in need of another adult to be in their corner, be their cheering section, to help them become successful adults. Young people will look up to someone, let's make sure it's a positive role model! Please come to our meeting on September 26th to learn about the power of mentoring and the need that exists right here in the Carlisle community."

## **2. College Admissions Prep Sessions:**

- **Hope Station, a CYI Steering Committee member**, invites Carlisle-area students to participate in upcoming college admissions prep sessions. **Safronia Perry**, Executive Director of Hope Station, said that these sessions will be conducted at Hope Station (149 West Penn St, Carlisle) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on the following Saturdays: Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 1
- **Pre-registration is not required**. If there are questions, please visit Hope Station, or contact Jason Diggs or Safronia Perry at 717-249-5144
- **Stephanie Jirard**, Carlisle resident and Professor of Criminal Justice at Shippensburg University, leads these college prep sessions. Stephanie asserts, "Economic freedom is one benefit of going to college. We want the Hope Station community to have the tools to make their dreams come true. Prep for

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college entrance exams is one small step on the pathway to new opportunities. We also offer students advice on choosing high school courses, selecting the right topics for essays, finding scholarships, and various other assorted tasks for college admissions. Come join us!”

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