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Community Services YMCA Has New Regional Mentoring Director

January, 2010 -- Jennifer Pugh has recently joined the Community Services YMCA for the new position of regional mentoring director. Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati's mentorship program – which will begin in 2010 - is part of a national project operated in partnership with the YMCA of San Francisco and the YMCA of the USA.

Ms. Pugh brings with her 12 years experience strengthening communities and youth in Dayton, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. She received her master's of social work degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. After graduating she worked for the University of Maryland's School of Law where she helped establish the Law & Public Service Academy in an inner city high school.

Mr. Pugh's first job since returning to Cincinnati in 1999 was for the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati as its Education Campaign manager responsible for a range of initiatives in both school and community settings. Eight years ago she joined the Clippard Family YMCA where she started the Success In Me Literacy Program and served as Annual Campaign director. Immediately prior to her new YMCA position, she led the community development department at Brighton Center in Northern Kentucky. While there, she provided leadership for a youth community development program, financial education, child abuse and neglect prevention, and volunteer programming.

For more information about mentoring opportunities at the YMCA, the public can contact Ms. Pugh at 513-246-3208.

As the area's largest youth and family-focused not-for-profit, the YMCA reinforces character values through assets-based programs and services to more than 143,000 individuals, kids and families annually. Adult mentors encourage young people to be caring, responsible, respectful, and honest through sports, summer camps, structured child and afterschool care, and leadership building programs. Branches offer quality time for families, resources for parents, and a variety of opportunities for seniors to be active. The Membership for All sliding scale fee structure means everyone, no matter their ability to pay, can always benefit from the YMCA. Last year alone more than 17,400 families and individuals enjoyed healthier and happier lives because generous partners helped the YMCA in its vision to be accessible to all.

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