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The Carlisle Youth Initiative (CYI) invites the public to get involved and make a positive difference in the lives of our area youth by participating in a community meeting starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept 12th at the Project Share Farm Stand (123 Lincoln Street, Carlisle). The CYI Steering Committee will explain the CYI's proposed purpose and action plan, while inviting participants to offer their ideas on how to improve the CYI concept. Additionally, the CYI invites all community groups, which offer programs that help develop local youth, to bring handouts/brochures for distribution to parents and children.

The CYI mission is to strengthen Carlisle's future by uniting community partners to help ALL our local youth succeed with their education, development, and job search. The CYI also invites individuals and community groups to volunteer their assistance to help achieve this mission, including participation in one or more of the following CYI teams:

- Mentoring, Education & Training
- Communication and Information Sharing
- **Application Assistance**
- **Youth Advisory Council**
- **Scholarships**

CYI Steering Committee members currently include representatives from the following: Carlisle Police Department (Chief Taro Landis), Hope Station (Safronia Perry), YWCA Carlisle (Robin Scaer), Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Perry County (Barrie Ann George), United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County (Lucy Zander), Project Share (Bob Weed), Partnership for Better Health (Becca Raley), Carlisle Area School District (CHS Principal Mike Black), Employment Skills Center (Margi Weitzel), Dickinson College (Ashley Perzyna), Leaf Project (Heidi Witmer), Carlisle Family YMCA (Marcia Dozdowski), and community member (Rick Coplen).