



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

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**SHELBY COUNTY YOUTH & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER HOSTS RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*The Shelby County Youth & Family Resource Center provides resources, mental health supports, and other programming to prevent at-risk and justice-involved youth ages 13-17 from becoming further involved in the justice system.*

**WHO:** Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris and Executive Director Tamika Davis  
**WHAT:** Shelby County Youth & Family Resource Center Ribbon-Cutting  
**WHEN:** 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 16, 2022  
**WHERE:** Shelby County Youth & Family Resource Center, 3157 Powers Road, Memphis, TN 38128

**Shelby County, TN** – On Thursday, June 16, Shelby County Government will cut the ribbon on the recently opened Shelby County Youth & Family Resource Center. At the center, youth exhibiting at-risk behaviors at home, at school, or in the community are provided critical prevention, early intervention assessments, and referrals for services.

Youth and families can participate in the program for up to six months or longer. The center accepts referrals from parents, youth, community members, schools, and law enforcement.

**Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris:** “We opened the Youth & Family Resource Center to expand the number of supports that are available to youth and their families. This one-of-a-kind center seeks to prevent youth from falling deeper into the criminal justice system and helps our youth and their families thrive. This center is one of the ways to address the root causes of youth crime and ensure that young people get access to the help they need.”



**Dorcas Young Griffin, Shelby County Division of Community Services Director:** “Young people need supports and resources to help guide them to make better choices. Our goal for the Youth & Family Resource Center is to provide a safe haven for at-risk youth and their families. We look forward to serving residents who are in need in Shelby County.”

**Tamika Davis, Executive Director of the Youth & Family Resource Center:** “We want the center to be a resource for young people and their families. Our goal is to prevent our teens, especially those who are most vulnerable to committing crimes, from getting stuck in the justice system. I am proud to be a part of a program that helps divert Shelby County youth.”

Families can make referrals online at [ShelbyYouthAndFamilyResourceCenter.com](http://ShelbyYouthAndFamilyResourceCenter.com), by phone at 901-222-4320, or in person at 3157 Powers Road. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.