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NEWS RELEASE

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Multnomah Youth Commission welcomes Marc Fernandes as new youth coordinator

Joshua Todd, recently appointed director of Multnomah County's Commission on Children, Families and Community (CCFC), announced today that Marc Fernandes has been selected as youth development coordinator and will fill Todd's former role supporting the Multnomah Youth Commission. An open house is planned for January 12 for the public to meet them and learn more about the organizations they represent.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to work with such amazing community leaders," Fernandes said. "The Youth Commission is unique because the program is truly run by youth; I am looking forward to helping them succeed."

Fernandes is well suited to his new role, having broad experience working with youth and families. He has worked in the South Bronx with the Children's Aid Society as a family life and sexuality education specialist, an anti-oppression and diversity trainer, an outreach specialist working with street youth in Quito, Ecuador, and a coalition organizer for the Thurston County Study Circles on Race in Olympia, Washington.

"Marc's passion and excitement for this work is infectious," said Todd. "I am excited to pass this work on to him and work together to improve the lives of children and families in Multnomah County."

The Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) is the official youth policy advisory body to both the Multnomah County Board and the Portland City Council. The MYC is best known for its efforts to secure free bus passes for high school students, for creating youth-focused candidate forums, and advocating for school-based health centers.

The public is invited to attend an Open House, hosted by the Youth Commission and the CCFC, for community partners and those interested in learning more about the CCFC's new director and youth development coordinator.

Tuesday, January 12th
6:00-8:00 pm

Slappy Cakes, a locally owned family-friendly restaurant
4246 SE Belmont Street.
Portland, OR 97215
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