

# YWCA YONKERS TEAM SPOTLIGHT

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## WILFRED DENNIS—DIRECTOR, CHILD CARE



### **your greatest accomplishment?**

*October 5, 2017, we launched a program called through WestCop named "Babies Step Forward" "Is a unique Early Head Start program that provides high quality early child care and education with related support services for children age 6 weeks to 3 years old." Many of our children already have benefited from this program and many of our parents are very pleased about the program.*

### **How can others support your mission?**

We believe that all infants are born ready to learn. Provide a loving based relationship early with your child. Encourage their growth by providing a stimulating age appropriate environment filled with love and positive reinforcements. Always be an advocate for your child and their future.

### **Please explain your role as Director of Child care**

*My role is to sustain a true professional learning environment for all children to benefit from. I also believe that in my role, I am responsible in making sure that I encourage all of my teachers to look at each day as a new day to deliver the best lesson for all of our children to learn from and to later on share their experiences, through writing, drawing, discussions along with putting on shows for our parents and family to see that all of our children are learning many great things while being enrolled in our program. I am encouraged in my role to be the best role model for not only our children but even for our parents as well. My role is to support both parent and child. At the end of the day in my professional opinion, my role is to educate our children to be their very best and to always lead by example.*

### **How long have you been with the YWCA Yonkers and what has been**

### **What are your future plans to strengthen your department?**

*To bring in other programs to support and enhance the learning that takes place in both day care and in our after school program. I would like to do family engagements along with doing more shows to show case what our children are learning while in our program.*

### **What are 3 things you would like the public to know about your department**

*First, Everyone who works directly with our children are all trained in dealing with our children starting from the youngest which is 6 weeks to 12 years old. Second, we feed our children three meals a day following strict guidelines from CACFP. Three, we are all very passionate about our job and the well being of all our children here at the YWCA and in our community.*

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