

Learning Center Starts Another Year

by Jerry Garner

The Whitney Young Learning Center, which is sponsored by the Urban League of Portland, began another year of operation at St. Andrews School.

The center is an after-school program designed to help students become academically successful and self-directed, according to Deborah Cochrane, Director of the Learning Center.

Other services offered by the center are: homework assistance, individualized and small group tutoring, instruction in basic study skills, basic skill development, academic encouragement, and referral services.

Cochrane said this year the center will be able to reach more students than last year. "Last year the program served over a hundred students. This year we hope to double the number, have better coordination with the school district, and build our visibility in the community," said Cochrane.

Cochrane credits the center's increase in services to Urban League of Portland's Chief Executive Officer Herb Cawthorne. "Up until last year, the program didn't have an abundance of funding. When Mr. Cawthorne took over the League, he brought with him a strong commitment to education. He went out and got more money from the



Yaw Osei-Boye (standing), a teacher at Ockley Green Middle School, helps students with their homework at the Whitney Young Learning Center. (L R) Jeff Mitchell, Camille Greenidge, Volio Kesic, Osei-Boye and Stephanie Bell. Photo by Richard J. Brown

school district and used the money to put together a stronger program."

The program is staffed by Cochrane and four other tutors.

Cochrane said the program is there to give kids support, help

them work on their self-esteem and their self-confidence, and talk to them about self-discipline. "We have implemented a lot of special things. We do special activities with the kids; special motivational activities. But we want people to understand that this program isn't about changing a student's grades. This is something only the student can do. Our goal is to build self-esteem and make the students independent thinkers."

Cochrane stated that many of the students who come to the center have potential. "I am tired of hearing teachers say that the type of kids who come to Whitney Young are incapable of learning. Those types of kids don't come here. The kids who seek our assistance are very special kids. They made a choice of their own to come here. This is a voluntary program. They

don't have to be here. No one twists their arms; they made a choice."

Cochrane said that it's important that people in the community know that they can make contributions to students who are seeking help academically. She said they can help by answering the phones or by encouraging a student who needs help to come by the center.

The Learning Center is open Monday through Thursday, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In order to be eligible for the services offered by Whitney Young, students must be in grades 7 through 12 and live

in North or Northeast Portland and can not otherwise afford supplemental academic assistance. For further information about the Whitney Young Learning Center, contact Deborah Cochrane at 280-2600.

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A graduate of St. Louis University and The Interdenominational Theological Center, Watley received his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He currently serves as pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church, Newark, New Jersey, and as Adjunct Professor of Theology, New York Theological Seminary.

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