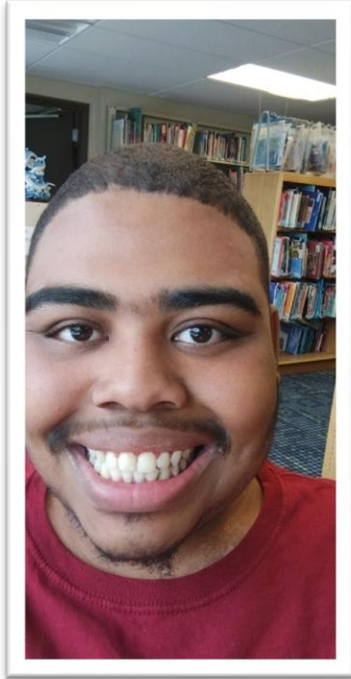


Experience Works! Program Works for Julian!



Private Industry Council Experience Works! Program, funded by the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board, allows for youth to gain valuable work experience to help prepare them to become productive members of society. Julian Anthony Naphier is a prime example of how successful this program can be. Julian came to our Experience Works! Program as a TANF eligible participant in 2005. Through the program he worked at the Monessen Library for 240 hours. He enjoyed working there so much that in 2020 he returned back to the Experience Works! Program as a WIOA eligible participant and worked at the Monessen Library again! After he successfully completed the 240 hours as a WIOA participant, it sparked his interest to pursue a career in Human Services/Community Services.

Shortly after, he was able to obtain his Driver's License through the Education and Technology Institute Drivers School through a scholarship from Mike Kelly Toyota and really begin to start making a difference in his community. He applied for a job at the Monessen Civic Center. He was hired on as the Director of Recreational Activities for the City of Monessen.

Julian is now paying it forward by having the Monessen Civic Center become an Experience Works! Program worksite for the Private Industry Council. He plans to have his youth participate in preparing for the Juneteenth Celebration in the community. They will also help prepare and participate in the Positive Action for Summer Program. The workers will be mentors to the middle school age kids and will help clean and maintain the Monessen Civic Center. Julian has a full schedule planned for his youth workers through the Civic Center. Private Industry Council is excited to watch Julian continue to flourish as he pours himself back into the community. Julian takes his responsibilities with this community very seriously. He is involved in numerous boards, programs and out reaches. To say that Julian loves his community is an understatement. He is a true inspiration to all of us. See below for a list of the boards, programs and out reaches that he is involved with:

- Facilitator of Positive Action
- Member of Youth Board Monessen
- Member of Human Relations Commission
- Member of Youth Commission
- Member of Monessen CTC
- Member of Big Brother's Big Sister's
- Member of Hope-n-Life After School Program
- Member of Mon Valley Opioid Coalition
- Member of Greater Monessen Neighborhood Organization
- Volunteer of Monessen Library
- Youth Advisor for Monessen High School

