

DHS welcomes Chatham students for career exploration experience

“What do you want to do for a living?” can be a daunting question for college freshmen; however, the Department of Human Services recently participated in a program designed to help students make better-informed career decisions.

As part of Cougar Career Launch, a career immersion experience held by Chatham University, fifteen new and transfer students gathered at the Human Services Building (HSB) on August 26 to learn about the Department’s diverse employment opportunities. The event –hosted at DHS by Courtney Lewis, program specialist in the Office of Data Analysis, Research, and Evaluation (DARE), and Kelly Dillard, recruitment specialist in the Office of Community Relations (OCR) –included a presentation on the Department and a discussion of entry level positions. Additionally, a panel of five staff members from DARE; Area Agency on Aging (AAA); Office of Administrative and Information Management Services (AIMS); Directors Action Line (DAL); and Office of Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) discussed their career paths and current roles.

“I don’t think enough is known about the work we do,” said Kelly. “We offer and support a multitude of service offerings to Allegheny County residents, and each requires staff members with distinct skill sets. From IT to HR, fiscal to social services, you can do what you want to do at DHS.”

DHS plans to continue seeking opportunities to educate students on the many careers available in human services.