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Five questions with Terrel Williams

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1. What was your path to Allegheny County/DHS?

Initially, I worked for HUD as an education liaison in the Larimer/East Liberty section of Pittsburgh. I interacted with multiple DHS employees and I was impressed with their work. Once I saw an opportunity to make the transition to DHS, I had to take the opportunity.

2. Tell us a bit about the work you do.

As an education liaison, I have to find a way to help my youth successfully maneuver through the education system. Whether it's middle school or college, I'm responsible for at least providing a resource or guidance through the typical academic barriers. It would be a simplification on my part to just call myself an advocate, but the primary responsibility that I wake up to is advocacy through the maze called "academia."

3. How does your work help to support DHS's mission and goals?

The goal of DHS is to create a culturally competent human service system. I can't imagine a successful human service system without a pipeline of youth being served holistically and excellently. In other words, Allegheny County needs the next generation to be served properly because these children are the future. You are only as good as your future.

4. What most excites you about your work?

Waking up with a purpose. I get up to face a challenge every day and it tests my ability to adapt to a plan and execute an objective that can help my youth become great.

5. What is most important thing DHS staff should know about your role?

My role is a cog in the wheel of the bigger picture, and I can't be my best self without your best self. So, I am thankful for the synergy that we share.