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Our Piece of the Pie Names New COO

Hartford Native to Lead Youth Development Agency's Programs

Hartford, CT....Our Piece of the Pie® (OPP®), a leading youth development agency based in Hartford, has announced that Hartford native Hector M. Rivera has been named the agency's new Chief Operating Officer.

Rivera, who has more than 20 years experience in human services and youth development, will lead and direct OPP's 40-person program staff and manage the agency's youth development, educational and employment services.



Rivera began his career at OPP as a Youth Development Specialist in 2000 and most recently served as Vice President of Pathways to Success, the agency's signature program. In addition, Rivera has served as OPP's Director of Strategic Implementation (2008-09), Director of Youth Development Services (2006-07), and Director of Employment and Training (2005-06).

"Hector is a proven and effective leader who can help OPP strengthen and execute the mission of helping urban youth become successful adults," said Bob Rath, OPP President/CEO. "Hector has risen through the ranks here and has become an expert in the youth development field and a well-respected member our team and community."

Rivera, a 1987 graduate of Hartford's Weaver High School, has a Bachelor of Science from Springfield College, a Master's of Science in Management from Albertus Magnus College, and a Master's of Business Administration from Albertus Magnus College.

"I am excited to share my experience and training to help lead OPP," said Rivera. "I'm proud to have been part of the agency's evolution as one of the most respected agencies in the youth development field. I look forward to leading this talented staff as we work to help urban youth realize their goals and dreams."

Our Piece of the Pie helps urban youth, ages 14-24, become successful adults. OPP programs and services allow young people to rise above economic and social barriers to reach the goals of a degree from a two- or four-year college or vocational certification and/or meaningful employment in their chosen field.

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