



Advancing teamwork, leadership, positive decisions at the Youthful Offender Unit is aim for program

PEARL - Coach Larry Calhoun and the Move to Learn Mississippi team presented an engaging and inspiring program focused on movement, teamwork, leadership, and positive decision-making at the MDOC Youthful Offender Unit last week.

Coach Calhoun challenged the youth through interactive activities that emphasized communication, trust, accountability, perseverance, and the importance of making positive choices. His message encouraged participants to believe in themselves, overcome obstacles, and recognize that success begins with discipline and the decisions they make each day.

Attending were Education Administrator Shaniece Mabry, Youth Director Derrick Chambers, and all Y.O.U. direct care staff. Their involvement demonstrated our collective commitment to creating a positive, engaging, and rehabilitative environment where staff lead by example.

"At the Youthful Offender Unit, we remain committed to providing meaningful programming that extends beyond secure custody," Chambers said. "Through strong community partnerships and evidence-based initiatives, we are preparing young people for successful reentry by developing character, promoting personal responsibility, and equipping them with the skills needed to become productive citizens."

Chambers thanked Coach Larry Calhoun and the Move to Learn Mississippi team "for investing in our youth. Partnerships like these reinforce our commitment to rehabilitation, restoration, and creating opportunities that inspire lasting positive change"

