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USES CEO Jerrell Cox Accepted Into YW Boston's LeadBoston Program

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Jerrell Cox. Photo via www.uses.org.

United South End Settlements (USES) today announced that CEO Jerrell Cox has been accepted to participate in YW Boston's signature leadership initiative, LeadBoston. The competitive program accepted more than 40 local leaders and changemakers annually who aim to analyze the root causes of diversity, equity, and inclusion challenges over 11 months.

The program is comprised of in-person discussions,

networking, classes, and development workshops. With over ten years of experience directing youth programs, fundraising, staff development, and executive leadership at USES, Cox is prepared to bring his unique perspective to the cohort.

"I feel so honored to be a part of LeadBoston—and eager to get to work," he said. "The opportunity to collaborate with this exceptional group of leaders throughout the year is an incredible privilege. I look forward to representing USES as I connect with different teams throughout Boston, working through the challenging questions, conversations, and solutions that drive positive change and equity throughout the city."

Among those joining Cox in this year's LeadBoston cohort are Akiba Abaka, director of good trouble for the Boston Children's Chorus; Anna Beninger, vice president of diversity, equity & inclusion for Liberty Mutual Insurance; and Barsha Gautam, VP, branch manager of Eastern Bank. Each of these organizations is a current partner within USES's community and work.

YW Boston is an organization that helps individuals and companies reflect and change policies, practices, attitudes, and behaviors to create more inclusive environments. Their mission is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Cox's social justice and inclusivity work began early in his career when he became USES's out-of-school-time director in 2009, managing the After School Site and Camp Hale programs. He then served as Camp Hale's director for ten years, leading the camp's programming through a significant turning point as it developed a girl's program at the historically all-boys camp.

In 2020, Cox was promoted to vice president of development and external relations, working to secure critical resources during COVID-19 that ensured the organization could continue providing top-quality programming to children and families. As CEO, Cox continues to align USES' work and mission with programs that offer families opportunities, resources, and support that promote social equity.

For more information about USES, please visit www.uses.org.