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Title: Peirce College is launching a workforce training program for parents

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A new workforce training program at [Peirce College](#) is in the works to help not just the adults who need job and life skills, but their children as well.

Described as a “two-generation approach” in a statement, the program, set to launch in 2018, will support an inaugural class of 25 to 30 participants over 18 years old who have at least one child in the household.

Throughout the 12- to 14-week program, the participants will be taught the job skills needed in “front-line, customer service roles in the non-clinical healthcare industry” — but in addition, financial literacy and human services experts will also help the participants develop their more personal lives, either economically or socially.

Once the participants have completed the program, they’ll be given interview opportunities in the healthcare industry as well as college credit to help them on the pathway to earning a degree.

The goal of the program and its approach, which has been [publicized by experts in the nonprofit think tank Aspen Institute](#), seems to be to help participants understand where they’re at in life so they can come up with a plan for not just themselves but for the sustainability of their children’s lives in the future.

“If they are able to pursue higher education and to model strong financial practices and a healthy lifestyle, it’s more likely that their children will follow in their footsteps,” said **Uva Coles**, VP of institutional advancement and strategic partnerships at Peirce College, in the press release.

The program is coming together thanks to the support of a \$60,000 grant from the **United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey**, which recently expanded its regional effort in ending intergenerational poverty by [taking in the the North Penn United Way chapter](#).

Title: Peirce College Receives United Way Grant to Develop Holistic Training Program

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Peirce College, a 152-year-old Philadelphia institution for working adults, has received its first grant from United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey (UWGPSNJ) to develop a program that delivers work and life skills to improve the lives of the participants and their families for generations to come.

The \$60,000 grant will support a 12-to-14 week workforce training program. Slated to launch in February 2018, the program will teach the skills under or unemployed individuals need to succeed in front-line, customer service roles in the non-clinical healthcare industry. Additionally, Peirce will partner with experts in financial literacy and human services to help participants build the economic assets and social networks they need to put their families on a path toward self-sufficiency and emotional well-being.

Plans for the Peirce program call for an inaugural class of 25-30 individuals over 18 years old with at least one child in their household. Everyone who completes the program will be presented interview opportunities in the healthcare industry, access to college credit, and guided pathways to degree completion.

"We are thrilled that United Way has provided us this support so we can expand our mission to help working adults of the Philadelphia region advance their lives and, by extension, their children's future," said Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Strategic Partnerships Uva Coles. "We view this grant as a vote of confidence as we continue to find new ways to support non-traditional learners on a mission of personal and professional development."

Jim Cawley, UWGPSNJ president and CEO, said the Peirce program fills a need in the Philadelphia workforce.

"Our United Way is committed to ending poverty by equipping adults with the critical skills they need to find jobs and thrive in the workplace," said Cawley. "It takes all of us working together to ensure everyone in our community has the supports and resources they need to put themselves and their families on paths to self-sufficiency, and we're grateful to have partners like Peirce College who are invested in helping our neighbors break the cycle of poverty."

Largely championed by the Aspen Institute and other national thought leaders, this two-generation approach will work with each participant to improve his or her

education, social network, health and finances. The participants will identify the needs of their families, such as transportation, housing or food security, to develop a life plan and work toward a set of family goals. Participants will be connected with parent resources and provided exposure to healthcare industry employment opportunities that provide sustaining wages that yield a positive, two-generation family impact.

"Research shows that parents' success is directly aligned with their children's success," Coles said. "If they are able to pursue higher education and to model strong financial practices and a healthy lifestyle, it's more likely that their children will follow in their footsteps."

More information about the program is available by contacting Malik Brown at mrbrown4@peirce.edu or 215.670.9056.

About Peirce College

Founded in 1865, Peirce College has been providing working adults with affordable education, flexible classes, and personalized support for more than 150 years. Peirce offers bachelor and associate degree programs in the areas of Business, Healthcare, Information Technology, and Legal Studies, and Master of Science degrees in Healthcare Administration and Organizational Leadership & Management. Located in the heart of Philadelphia, Peirce is a non-profit institution that specializes in serving the unique needs of working adults through both online and on campus education. In 2015, Peirce took life-friendly learning and degree attainment to the next level with the creation of Peirce Fit[®], a revolutionary learning format that allows students to choose each week whether to attend class in person or online. Through competency-based education in Peirce's IT program, students may also choose a faster, more affordable path to a degree. Peirce College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267-284-5000). Additionally, select programs are accredited by The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, the American Bar Association and the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

For more information about Peirce College, call 888.467.3472, or visit www.Peirce.edu. Visit Peirce's blog, Peirce Connections, at <http://blog.Peirce.edu>. Become a fan of Peirce College on Facebook. Follow @PeirceCollege on Twitter. View the Peirce College YouTube Channel.

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Title: Charisse R. Lillie to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

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Philadelphia trailblazer Charisse R. Lillie will be honored with the A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award during the 29th Annual Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) Minority Attorney Conference, "Advocacy & Fundamental Rights for Changing Times."

The conference will be held Oct. 12-13 at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Conference Center in Philadelphia. Lillie will receive the award during the Oct. 13 luncheon.

The A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the accomplishments of a lawyer or judge who has demonstrated dedication to the legal profession and the minority community through civil, community or legal service.

Higginbotham, who died in 1998, was a civic leader, author, academic and federal appeals court judge who fought tirelessly against racial discrimination.

A business woman, attorney and lecturer on issues of diversity, corporate responsibility and corporate governance, Lillie became CEO of CRL Consulting LLC earlier this year after retiring from a 12-year run at Comcast Corporation, where she held several roles including senior vice president of human resources of Comcast Corporation, president of Comcast Foundation and vice president of community investment at Comcast Corporation.

Prior to joining Comcast, Lillie was a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP's litigation department and served as its chair from 2002 to 2005.

Lillie also spent some time serving the public as a trial attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division; deputy director, Community Legal Services Inc.; professor at Villanova Law School; assistant U.S. attorney, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; general counsel, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia and city solicitor, city of Philadelphia.

Lillie achieved many firsts throughout her diverse career.

She was the first African-American woman to serve as city solicitor of the city of Philadelphia, the first African American to chair Ballard Spahr's litigation department,

the first African-American woman to chair the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Board and the first African-American woman to chair the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

An active member of her community, Lillie has been involved in many civic commissions, including the Independent Charter Commission, the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Task Force, the MOVE Commission and the Philadelphia Election Reform Task Force.

She has held positions on several boards, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, the Philadelphia Board of Ethics, The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, PECO, PNC Regional Advisory Board for Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey and the Independence Blue Cross Consumer and Business Affairs Advisory Board.

Equally active in the bar, Lillie is a member of the PBA Labor and Employment Law Section and is a regular sponsor of the association's diversity events.

She previously served as president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Federal Bar Association, chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Board of Governors and its Racial Bias in the Justice System Committee, chair of the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and a member of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. She also served on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System.

Lillie has received many honors for her distinguished service to the public and her profession.

Originally from Houston, Texas, Lillie received a B.A., cum laude, from Wesleyan University in 1973. She received a J.D. from Temple University School of Law in 1976 and an L.L.M. from Yale Law School in 1982. While in law school, she worked as a research assistant for Judge Higginbotham on his first book, *In the Matter of Color*, and was a law clerk to Judge Clifford Scott Green, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She was awarded honorary doctor of laws degrees from Seton Hill University and Cheyney University, as well as an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Peirce College.

The two-day PBA Minority Attorney Conference where Lillie will be honored will feature a keynote address by State Sen. Arthur L. Haywood III.

Founded in 1895, the Pennsylvania Bar Association strives to promote justice, professional excellence and respect for the law; improve public understanding of the legal system and facilitate access to legal services.

For information about the upcoming conference visit <https://goo.gl/L7abbz>