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## **YES Welcomes New Finance Director**

### ***Ray Nelson brings experience from non-profit and healthcare sectors***

BELLEVUE, Wash. (November 30, 2010) — Youth Eastside Services (YES) is pleased to announce the addition of Ray Nelson as the organization's new finance director. Nelson will oversee the organization's finances, insurance contracting, bookkeeping and database management. YES specializes in counseling, substance abuse treatment and prevention services for youth and families in East King County.

"I have been fortunate to establish my career with organizations that specialize in helping others. I am pleased to be joining YES and being part of their mission to strengthen youth and families," says Nelson. He plans to focus initially on ways he can use his 22 years of experience to make a positive difference at YES.

Prior to joining YES, Nelson was chief financial officer with the Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center in Seattle. Previous experience also includes the Seattle Institute for Advanced Dental Education as well as Providence SoundHomeCare and Hospice. A resident of Puyallup, he will be located at YES' Bellevue headquarters, adjacent to Crossroads Park.

"Ray's positive attitude and extensive experience will make him a welcome addition to YES," says Patti Skelton-McGougan, the organization's executive director. "We are excited to work with him in finding new ways to improve efficiencies and maximize our financial position."

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### **Attached Photo:**

Ray Nelson, the new finance directors for Youth Eastside Services.

**About Youth Eastside Services:** YES is a nonprofit organization and a leading provider of youth counseling and substance abuse services in the region. Since 1968, YES has been a lifeline for kids and families, offering treatment, education and prevention services to help youth become healthy, confident and self-reliant and families to become strong, supportive and loving. While YES accepts Medicaid, insurance and offers a sliding scale, no one is turned away for inability to pay. For more information, visit [www.YouthEastsideServices.org](http://www.YouthEastsideServices.org).