Measuring a City’s Attitude

In Wilmington, kids are 27% of the population. The University of Delaware’s own Professor Yasser Arafat Payne has published his findings of a study he conducted in Wilmington in 2010. Through the Participatory Action Research (PAR) model, Payne sent teams of young Wilmington residents neighborhood to neighborhood, not just to survey the city’s inhabitants, but to revitalize the community spirit in what he calls a “social action program.” His study tells a story of anxiety and frustration amidst a 50% drop-out rate in Wilmington’s youth and a high rate of unemployment. Read about Professor Payne’s study here, or watch his TEDx talk here.

EITC and Child Tax Credit At Risk

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is the nation’s most effective anti-poverty program for working families. Many households could be facing future hardships if National leaders do not continue key provisions of the federal the EITC and Child Tax Credit (CTC) past 2017. Here in Delaware, more than thirty thousand workers in key industries would lose all or part of their EITC and CTC if key provisions are not continued. Across the nation, more than 19 million workers are in danger of losing those tax credits. Read the full report here.