



CREATING A SAFER WORLD FOR ALL YOUTH

## PRESS RELEASE

### YES Institute Names Executive Director

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Miami, Florida – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. YES Institute announces the naming of their new Executive Director, Rachel Sottile. Prior to joining YES Institute, Ms. Sottile served as the Chief Operating Officer for CHARLEE Homes for Children. She will spearhead the rapidly growing organization, which provides unique and powerful education models on gender and orientation. Founding Director Martha Fugate will remain at YES Institute developing new courses and creating partnerships throughout South Florida and nationwide.

Ms. Sottile holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Political Science from Emory University and a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Georgia State University. She has served as an executive administrator in child welfare both in non-profits and local government in Miami for the last nine years.

#### About YES Institute:

**Vision** - A community in which all youth develop as healthy individuals free of suicide, violence, and discrimination.

**Mission** - To prevent suicide and ensure the healthy development of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and all youth by initiating dialogue, providing education, and creating support systems.

**Work** - We work in dynamic partnerships with individuals and organizations that have a commitment to creating a safer world for all youth. Schools, parent groups, healthcare settings, justice departments, clergy, and non-profit organizations contact YES Institute seeking non-confrontational communication and innovative education and training on gender, orientation, leadership, and communication.

For more information, please visit our website [www.yesinstitute.org](http://www.yesinstitute.org) or contact Luke Jude, Communications Director, at (305) 663-7195 or [luke@yesinstitute.org](mailto:luke@yesinstitute.org).

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