

Tirrell Copes is from Maryland. Graduated in 1994 from Washington High School. He is a 11 year Veteran of the United States Army. Tirrell played basketball in the military as well as coached youth sport activities. When he was young he hanged out in the streets with relatives making wrong decisions. As he got older he bacame more mature in his decision making. Tirrell grandfather was his role model, his advice to Tirrell was, "if you continued to do those dumb things that he would let him get in trouble with the law, and learn his lesson. He said to Tirrell that he needed to get his act together NOW;" and that's just what Tirrell did. He got his self together and went and joined the military.

Tirrell is a proud father of 4 children, he is known to go out of his way to make sure they're in good health and spirits, he's never too busy for his family. Tirrell is an employee at The Boys & Girls Club of Chicago, as the Teen Outreach Coordinator. Also he assist Veterans with disability, housing, jobs, and resumes. Tirrell said, "To me giving back works in both directions. I help with the youth to guide them in the right direction for the real world as well as helping Veterans to transition them to be civilians. Giving back is so important because you never know who's life you will change or influence".

As a result of his experience, Tirrell has lent his expertise to All of Us & You to help create a long-term strategy for Sports education for Youth between ages 12-18. Tirrell has joined The Center with an extensive understanding of non-profit organizations, and experienced knowledge regarding the importance of collaborative community organizing. Tirrell had been an active volunteer with several area organizations.