



The Leadership Center for Youth
2517 Ryan Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601



It is the belief of *Family & Youth* that all individuals possess the ability to solve their own challenges and live full and healthy lives when support is available. It is the mission of *Family & Youth* to provide affordable and professional support through programs and services dedicated to advocacy, counseling, and education for the people of Southwest Louisiana. Our effort and commitment to building family values will guarantee a stable and stronger community.



In today's world, young people are able to choose from many varied career paths. What decisions will you need to make to achieve your goals? The goal of establishing a **Youth Action Forum** is to engage you and other youth from area high schools in **career exploration** and **civic participation**. During the **Youth Action Forum** sessions, you will explore different career options by meeting professionals in the fields of medicine, law, industry, public relations and media, among others, as well as have the opportunity to learn more about the legislative process.

You and other students will participate in field trips, discussions, and presentations by professionals in several different career areas. You will learn about higher education decisions, the importance of internships, civic participation, and other choices that can help you achieve your goals. The whole experience is culminated in the spring of 2010, when selected participants are invited to Baton Rouge for a day at the Legislature. We will meet with elected officials and tour the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives.

**Mandatory Parent Orientation October 12, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.
Place: The Leadership Center for Youth 2517 Ryan Street**

TRACK I: COLLEGE PREP

**Session 1: Leadership Kick-off
@ The Leadership Center**
October 17, 2009, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Session 2: Communications,
Marketing and Public Relations**
November 11, 2009

**Session 3: Medical and
Forensic Practice**
December 7, 2009

Session 4: Law and Order
January 18, 2010

**Session 5: Industry and
Engineering**
February 15, 2010

**Session 6: Banking and
Finance**
March 15, 2010

**Session 7: Entrepreneurship:
Lake Charles Goes Global**
April 6, 2010

**TRACK II: VOCATIONAL/
TECHNICAL**

**Session 1: Leadership Kick-off
@ The Leadership Center**
October 17, 2009, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Session 2: Resort Operations
November 11, 2009

**Session 3: "Saving Lives"
Becoming a First Responder
EMS Academy**
December 14, 2009

**Session 4: Choose a Trade for
Life (plumbing; carpentry;
electrical)**
January 25, 2010

**Session 5: Industry and the
Process Technician.**
February 15, 2010

**Session 6: "Meet the Geek
Squad" Computer Technology**
March 22, 2010

**Session 7: Entrepreneurship:
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April 6, 2010

Understanding the Legislative Process

Trip to Baton Rouge for Day at Legislature ...by invitation. Exact date in May to be announced.

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All regular meetings will include valuable information on **Career Exploration** and **Civic Participation**, particularly relating to youth. Special guest speakers are scheduled.

Youth Action Forum offers a scholarship opportunity. To be eligible, members must attend all sessions, resulting in 100% participation.

Youth wishing to take advantage of this experience please contact Dana Forrest, Director of The Leadership Centers at 337-433-4533.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____

School Name: _____

Track I: _____ Track II: _____

Participant MUST provide valid email address to receive application package. Email: _____

Please complete the registration form above and return it to:

**The Leadership Center for Youth
Attention: Dana Forrest, Director
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