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Family & Youth to Host Civic Engagement Institute for Youth

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Young people from Southwest Louisiana will come together at the Civic Engagement Institute for Youth, hosted by Family & Youth on March 17-18, 2010 at L'Auberge du Lac Casino Resort.

Young people can be a powerful force for change! As future reformers, young people have innovative ideas on how to solve the political, economic, and social problems facing their communities. However, they often lack the understanding and skills to bring their ideas to policymakers. Simply, young people are often regarded as beneficiaries of public policy, not active participants in the policy debate.

The Civic Engagement Institute for Youth is designed to engage students in the democratic process and teach best practices of civic engagement. During the institute students will work together to gather research in an area of local and national concern. Their compiled information will be organized into a proposal which will be presented to local legislators and policy makers.

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Family & Youth, a United Way agency, is celebrating 40 years of serving Southwest Louisiana. 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 the 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. For more information call 337.436.9533.

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