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Family & Youth Announces YAC Officers

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Family & Youth Counseling Agency (Family & Youth) announces the newly elected officers of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Officers for 2011 are Tiffany Fontenot, Chair; Callie Berwick; Vice-Chair; and Morgan Davis, Secretary.

Tiffany Fontenot is a senior at St. Louis High School, and is the daughter of Jake and Patricia Philmon. Tiffany is a member of the Key Club, Campus Ministry, Junior Classical League, and Mu Alpha Theta.

Callie Berwick is a senior at Starks High School and is the daughter of Chris and Melinda Berwick. She is actively involved in several clubs. She serves as videographer of the school's boy's basketball team and is also a member of the Lady Panther softball team.

Morgan Davis is a junior at St. Louis High School and the daughter of Brickley and Vanessa Davis. Morgan is involved in various extracurricular activities including Student Council, Junior Classical League, Ambassadors of St. Louis, as well as the softball and track team.

The Youth Advisory Council, established by Family & Youth, is a youth-led and youth-driven council that exposes youth to advocacy work, civic engagement, and opportunities to make a difference in their community through leadership development and community service activities. YAC members participate in the Civic Engagement Training Institute for Youth, and have a unique opportunity to interact with community leaders and elected officials to voice their opinions and concerns on issues they have identified as important to youth in our community. YAC meets monthly to hear from local officials and identify and discuss important issues in our community, state and nation. YAC members are available to speak at civic club meetings about their experiences.

YAC members include a diverse group of high school and college aged young people from across the area. YAC members 2011-2012 year are: Ben Clements (Barbe High School), Lucas Fritz (Starks High School), Jared Amoit (St. Louis High School), Lexie Nezat (Sulphur High School), Daniel Castille (St. Louis School), Dylan Myrick (Sam Houston High School), Jamarcus Shaver (Washington Marion High School), Dakota Harp (Barbe High School), Olivia Vincent (Sulphur High School), Shyrece Celestine (Barbe High School), Amanda Hancock (Barbe High School), Lindsey Landry (Barbe High School), Keifer Ackley (Sulphur High School), Julia Falgoust (St. Louis High School), and Jack Vanchiere (St. Louis High School), Madison Crain (St. Louis High School).

For more information about the Youth Advisory Council contact Erica Bailey at 337 436-9533, or at ericab@fyca.org.

Family & Youth, a United Way agency, believes 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.



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