

City of Alexandria Hosts 5th Annual Youth Leadership Conference

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On Monday, Aug. 13, the 5th Annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) will kick off in the Lee Center Exhibit Hall located at 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA.

The three-day event, hosted by the City of Alexandria Department of Community & Human Services; Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP); and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA); in partnership with the T.C. Williams Department of School Counseling/College and Career Center; Alexandria Department of Recreation; Parks and Cultural Activities; Urban Alliance; Virginia Cooperative Extension; Alexandria Workforce Development Center; and Alexandria Sexual Assault Center aims to train young leaders and connect them with opportunities to become more civically engaged in the Alexandria community.

The YLC will host community and non-profit leaders, elected officials and representatives from several local boards and commissions during a networking fair that will take place Aug. 15, from 5 – 6 p.m. The conference is free and open to rising, 9th – 12th graders, residing in Alexandria. Scheduled workshops include “Finding Your Voice,” “Intro to Local Government,” “Leaders in Action” and much more.

ACAP’s mission is to prevent adolescent pregnancy through culturally and age appropriate education, advocacy, technical assistance, direct service prevention programs and public awareness. Collaboratively, ACAP works with young people, their families and the community to secure brighter futures.

SAPCA is an alliance of parents, youth, schools, city health and recreation agencies, media, nonprofits, businesses, policymakers and law enforcement whose mission is to engage diverse sectors of the community in collaborative, cross-cultural and comprehensive substance abuse prevention efforts that result in a reduction of underage substance use and abuse in the City of Alexandria.

For more information about the Youth Leadership Conference, visit keepit360.org or contact Kim Hurley at kim.hurley@alexandriava.gov or call 571.213.9489.

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