

Purpose of Youth Leadership Conference: The purpose of the conference is to provide opportunities to enhance leadership skills and personal development of public housing youth as they strive to become successful citizens.

Frequently asked Questions

1. How many participants attend the conference?
 - 200-220 participants
2. Who are your facilitators
 - Trained professionals for the topics selected
3. Subject matter covered
 - Internet Safety
 - Teen Leadership
 - Hip Hop and Videos
 - Anger Management
 - Cultural Diversity
 - Alcohol and Drugs
 - Gangs
 - Texting While Driving
 - Crime Scene Investigation
 - Money Management/Financial Literacy for Teens
 - Job Skills and Job Retention
 - Teen Sex Offender Laws
 - Pre-College and Process Stress
 - Team Building
 - Generational Poverty (How to break the cycle)
 - Career Choices
 - Bullying and Harassment in schools
 - Taking Care of yourself (mental and physical health)
 - Public Speaking
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4. How long is Conference?
 - Friday-Sunday or Thursday-Saturday
5. Cost per person
 - Based upon activities and other costs associated with conference
6. Are housing authorities responsible for all costs?
 - Authority is responsible for registration fee, lodging and meals not covered by conference

7. What activities does the conference provide in addition to classes?
 - Teen Maze- The event promotes awareness about various growing problems with our youth...teen pregnancy, STD's, underage drinking, drug use, and graduation from high school.
 - Spelling Bee- Youth are given the opportunity to showcase their spelling abilities and compete against other talented youth from authorities across the state
 - Poetry Café and Banquet
 - Etiquette class and Banquet
 - Formal dance
 - Water Park
 - Back to school fashion show
8. Ages Served
 - 13-18 years old
9. Are there classes or activities provided for staff and chaperones?
 - Yes, training is provided for adults leaders.
 - ❖ Parenting teenagers
 - ❖ How to detect drug and alcohol use
 - ❖ Financial Aid for your child
 - ❖ College Prep for parents
10. Does the association hire security?
 - Yes, security is hired. Association must obtain criminal backgrounds before hired
11. Are speakers paid or do they volunteer?
 - Both, keynote speakers are not affiliated with the association are always paid as well as facilitators. However, many committee members and staff volunteer to train adults and facilitate classes for youth.
12. How many meals are provided?
 - The number of meals provided is determined by the set registration fee as well as the venue.
13. Previous locations
 - Valdosta Conference Center
 - Macon Marriott
 - Atlanta Marriott
 - Epworth By the Sea
14. How many rooms are needed for opening session, closing session and breakout sessions
 - Six rooms for breakout sessions
 - Auditorium room that will seat all participants for opening and closing sessions
15. Are tee-shirts, programs, certificates and badges provided
 - Yes, authorities typically provide shirts for the first day of the conference. The second day of the conference participants are asked to wear the tee-shirts given to them at registration.

16. Who provides door prizes

- If venue is expensive authorities are asked to bring two door prizes
- After all expenses are paid, if there is a surplus, door prizes are purchased.
Examples of door prizes include but are not limited to: 2 laptops given to two seniors, 2 laptops given to other participants (color coded tickets are used for these giveaways), gift cards, headphones, ipads, tablets, etc.

17. Who should sit on the committee?

- At least one representative from every state