



The Leadership Center for Youth  
220 Louie Street  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

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presents

# Career Exploration

## “Building Career Pathways”

### 2016-2017

The Leadership Center for Youth provides guidance, leadership development, career exploration, and civic engagement opportunities to facilitate the youth's success and involvement in the community. Committed to shaping today's youth into strong leaders for tomorrow, The Leadership Center provides opportunities for positive youth development. It is focused on providing youth with opportunities for:

#### Leadership Development “Navigating Life Challenges”

Young people will benefit from experiential groups to promote self-respect and responsibility, leading to a healthy and responsible way of life.

#### Career Exploration “Building Career Pathways”

In collaboration with area businesses and industry, high school youth participate in programs which offer them a chance to explore career options in experiential settings.

#### Advocacy “Promoting Civic Engagement”

Young people are 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. Programs engage young people in the democratic process and best practices of civic engagement.

#### Service Learning “Giving Time and Talent”

Young people participate in programs and activities which emphasize their vital role in shaping their community.



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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 can choose from many different career paths, but what steps do they need to take to achieve their goals? The purpose of this program is to engage youth from area high schools in **Career Exploration** to help them understand their career pathways. During Career Exploration sessions, young people will learn about many career options in the fields of human services & education, medical, criminal justice & law enforcement, industry, information technology, business management and many more!

**2016-2017 Social Meet & Greet**, Monday, Sept. 26, 2016 at Family & Youth from 6:00PM—7:00PM  
Students, parents, and facilitators can meet one another, facilitators will provide an overview of the program, and participants will turn in all fees and forms. Any questions or concerns about Career Exploration can also be addressed at this time.

**Session 1: Medical Practice**, Monday, Oct. 10, 2016

Students will tour local medical facilities to discuss and learn about the career opportunities and educational requirements with medical professionals. They will also be visiting a medical laboratory, radiology/oncology department, and the neonatal intensive-care unit (NICU).

**Session 2: Engineering & Technology**, Friday, Nov. 11, 2016

Students will tour a local petrochemical facility to learn about career opportunities in engineering, chemistry, plant operations, and management.

**Session 3: Communication, Mass Media, & Broadcasting**, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016

Students will tour local media facilities learning about communications, mass media, and broadcasting. They will have the opportunity to speak with mass communication professionals including reporters, journalists, news anchors and photographers.

**Session 4: Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement**, Monday, Dec. 19, 2016

Students will learn about different careers within local law enforcement agencies and legal system including educational requirements of each. They will tour facilities such as the forensic lab, mobile units, judges' chambers and the courthouse. Students will also have the opportunity to speak with a panel of both practicing and non-practicing law professionals.

**Session 5: Human Services & Education**, Monday, Jan. 2, 2017

Students will be given an overview and tour of three human service organizations and will learn about careers in forensic interviewing, counseling, and other aspects of social services. They will also be visiting a local community college to learn about different career opportunities in education.

**Session 6: Information Technology & Telecommunications**, Monday, Jan. 16, 2017

Students will be given an overview and tour of a telecommunications facility. They will learn about information technology and telecommunication career opportunities including, website design & development, programming, backup disaster recovery and computer forensics.

**Session 7: Business Management & Guest Service**, Monday, March 13, 2017

Students will tour a resort facility, including VIP suites and villas. Speakers from human resources, culinary arts and guest services will discuss careers available in each department. They will also visit a local business, learning about the operations and management of a new business.

**Session 8: Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics**, Friday, April 21, 2017

Students will tour a privately owned airport, learning interesting facts about airport operations. They will have the opportunity to speak with aviation professionals including pilots, engineers, and mechanics to discuss the different career opportunities and educational requirements for each.

***\*Participants are responsible for transportation during sessions***



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All regular meetings will include valuable hands-on and experiential activities, on careers available in the area. Guest speakers will be scheduled to serve as a resource for each session.

All youth wishing to take advantage of this opportunity may contact Laura Perry, Senior Program Coordinator of The Leadership Center for Youth, at 337-436-9533.

*Program cost is \$100 per student.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Contact #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Please visit [www.fyca.org](http://www.fyca.org) to register online or fill out the above form and return it via email or fax to:

**The Leadership Center for Youth**

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