

# The Leadership Center for Youth

*Youth Today... Leaders Tomorrow*



## What makes a leader?

*Are they born? Or can these skills be learned? What do they look like?*

The Leadership Center for Youth (TLC), a Division of Family & Youth, helps teens develop the skills they need to continue to succeed in all aspects of their lives. Students explore careers, get involved in their communities and learn leadership skills to remain successful community leaders of tomorrow.



*Family & Youth was established as a non-profit in 1970 to provide affordable and professional services dedicated to advocacy, counseling and education for the people of Southwest Louisiana and in communities we are called to serve.*

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The Leadership Center for Youth (TLC), a Division of Family & Youth, offers a unique, multifaceted program that helps young people develop the skills and resilience they need to thrive in all aspects of their lives. Through TLC, youth in our community are introduced to career pathways, leadership roles, and volunteer opportunities that equip them for a brighter future.

TLC is comprised of four components that are stand-alone, but also work in synergy to create a comprehensive "leadership toolbox." The program's emphasis for a hands-on experience allows students to learn, grow and become active participants in their communities.



Students will benefit from experiential groups to promote self-respect and responsibility, leading to a healthy and responsible way of life. They will learn soft skills—communication, boundaries, cooperation, teamwork and more—that promote self-respect and responsible decision-making. Students will navigate real-life scenarios where they practice assertive communication, respond to peer pressure and understand the importance of personal responsibility.

These branches of TLC are open for high school students. Scan for more info on **The Leadership Center for Youth!**



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. They will have the opportunity to interact and network with professionals in various career fields to help them determine their desired career trajectory. It can reaffirm interest that was already present, or it could pique their interest in a field that they were not familiar with.



Young people are a powerful force for change. As future reformers, they have innovative ideas on how to solve the political, economic and social problems facing their communities. Students will have the opportunity to advocate for themselves and their peers through the development of their own voice and learning how to effectively use it. Programs engage young people in the legislative process, instill best practices in civil engagement and lay strong foundation in public speaking skills.



Students will learn about the importance of serving their community through programs and activities that emphasize volunteering their time and talents to give back. This component is designed to show students the value of community service and the power of their impact. Through volunteer projects, students engage in activities like community clean-ups, assisting at shelters, and volunteering with area nonprofits.



# Are you ready to LEAD?

If any student or their parent/legal guardian is interested in registering for one or more of TLC's components, they can register at [fyca.org/divisions/tlc/](http://fyca.org/divisions/tlc/) or for more information on The Leadership Center for Youth, call Family & Youth at (337) 436-9533.

Applicants can select as many of the components as they would like, and a member of our team will reach out to you with more details based on what activities and events are occurring now and in the future.



Chances are someone you know has used one of Family & Youth's eight divisions in some way over the years, whether it is career guidance, or perhaps individual counseling, or helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders. These high-quality and much needed services to build a stronger community are made possible through volunteers, grants, fundraising events and donations. All of us working together will ensure a positive and productive future for Southwest Louisiana.

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