

Annual Events

BuzzFree PROMises Dress Give-A-Way

Youth Development has joined with the ALOUD Coalition, to promote **BuzzFree PROMises Dress Give-a-way**, providing free prom dresses to eligible young ladies from DISD in grades 11 and 12.



Global National Youth Service Day

Is a public awareness and education campaign that highlights the amazing contributions that young people make to their communities 365 days a year. Young people will design and lead service-learning projects in areas ranging from landscaping and substance abuse education to environmental clean ups and equipment restoration.

Family in the kNOW Anti-Drug Rallies

Will educate families within the community on substance abuse issues like alcohol, "cheese"-heroin, tobacco, and other drugs. Families will learn the signs of withdrawal and addictions, what rehabilitation and treatment entails, available local resources, and how to keep their family drug-free with alternative activities.

Youth Leadership Conference

Is a high energy, educational summit for high school student. Students will be equipped with the tools they need to make good choices.

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Youth Development Program

Youth Development program engages youth ages 13-17 in hands-on, interactive activities. The program provides life skill activities, leadership development, career awareness, entrepreneurship, special events and community service.

Programs are enhanced through partnerships with corporate, business, faith based and other youth organizations.

Program Components:

Leadership Development: Focus on development of leadership skills, communication and team building skills, as well as specific tools needed to serve on advisory boards or committees.

Visual/ Performance/ Media Arts: Youth learn to develop a variety of communication skills and enhance their self-respect.

Technology Club: Youth work with technology professionals to gain specialized skills creating websites, editing digital videos, producing music, creating graphic designs and other exciting activities.

Health Fitness: Youth will become educated on the importance of healthy food and exercise.

Gender Specific Programs: Topics are geared towards same sex groups on a variety of relevant issues to youth.

Entrepreneur Program: Youth will develop leadership and entrepreneurial skills. The Program consists of educational sessions, a business tour, mini conference, mentoring, business plan development and producing a marketable product.



Career Development and Training: Youth will participate career development & Training activities which will focus on work ethics, professionalism, interviewing techniques and customer service skills.



Youth Commission

The Youth Development office is the liaison between the City of Dallas Youth Commission and the city council. The commission is an advisory body that is appointed by the Dallas City Council and City Manager. This group was established in 1994 to enhance the lines of communication and interaction between youth and adults. The mission of the Youth Commission is to serve as a voice for the youth of Dallas by understanding, recognizing and taking action on issues that exemplify safe, healthy, and positive youth development. The Commission is comprised of 30 youth, appointed by the City Council (14), Mayor (1) and City manager (15).



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