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Suffolk to Host Youth Symposium

SUFFOLK, VA (January 20, 2009) Suffolk's Office on Youth would like to extend an invitation to all youth ages 11-18 years old to participate in **Suffolk's 1st Annual Youth Symposium**. This event will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009, at the Hilton Garden Inn & Suffolk Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Morning workshop sessions will be held to provide information on topics that matter the most to youth and their families. The topics of discussion presented by local agencies include Youth Leadership, Gang Awareness & Intervention, Civic Engagement, and Dealing with Peer Pressure.

Interactive afternoon workgroup sessions will be held to engage youth in discussions and presentations on the workshop topics. Hosted by the Suffolk Youth Advisory Council, this symposium will allow Suffolk's youth to learn and share their opinions. These sessions are designed to develop, strengthen and empower leadership skills in young people so that they may become active citizens in the City of Suffolk.

Youth from all over Suffolk are invited to participate in this free event. **Registration is limited**, so contact the Office on Youth today! Everything is FREE! Lunch, door prizes, give-aways.

To register or for more information about the Youth Symposium, please contact Jennifer Branham at 514-4503 or jbranham@city.suffolk.va.us or Rickeda Fofana at 514-4509. Please submit your registration form to: Suffolk Office on Youth, 110. W. Finney Ave. Suffolk, VA 23434 or by fax at 539-5179 by January 29, 2009.