

THE JACKSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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STRAIGHT TALK: LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY CLASS TO DISCUSS TEEN ISSUES

JACKSON, TENN. – Forty high school students involved in the Leadership University class with the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce will participate in discussions about teen issues during a session called, “Are We Our Brothers’ or Sisters’ Keeper.” The program is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, January 18 in the downstairs conference room at the Regional Hospital of Jackson.

Leadership University is an eight-month program for high school juniors in Jackson-Madison County. It is designed to expose young leaders to various elements of leadership and its impact on a strong, dynamic community.

The goal of the group’s session on January 18 is to promote awareness of teen issues that impact youth, their family and the community. The program will include presentations on decisions teens face regularly, including whether to use drugs and alcohol or to engage in early sexual activity.

There will also be presentations on health care, violence prevention, and leadership skills to encourage students to consistently model behavior that will influence their peers to make smart decisions. Since the program will take place on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will also be a lesson on leadership as it relates to the civil rights leader.

For more information, please contact Judy Renshaw by sending an e-mail to jrenshaw@jacksontn.com or calling 731.423.2200.

Below is the program schedule:

9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., *Welcome*

9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m., *Alcohol, Drugs, Choices* – Charles Allison, CPA, Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC

10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., *Making the Right Choices* – Julie Mayfield, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator, Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department

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10:45 a.m. to 11 a.m., *Break*

11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., *Violence Prevention* – Shelia Ward, Health Education, Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., (Working Lunch) *Group Dynamics and Leadership Skills – Straight Talk: Dealing with Issues Facing Students*

12:45 p.m. to 1 p.m., *Break*

1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., *Health Care, Up Close & Personal* – Scott Canady and Laura Mills, Brain Injury Services Coordinator, West Tennessee Rehabilitation Center

1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Being Well-Rounded, Being a Leader* – Balancing the Teenage Journey, Pepper Pratt, MS, MA, LPC

2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., *Leadership & Martin Luther King*, Virginia Stackens-Crump, Jackson-Madison County School System

2:45 p.m. to 3 p.m., *Wrap-up, Feedback and Evaluations*

3 p.m., *Adjournment*

About the Chamber: The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1905 – seven years prior to the United States Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber consists of a diverse and talented staff, an executive committee, dedicated volunteers, and more than a thousand business members – all committed to growing the economy and quality of life for everyone in Madison County and the region.

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