



**Office of Youth Development**

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**Youth Empowerment Summit prepares Sacramento youth to  
meet current challenges and achieve future success:  
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Sacramento, California, June 12, 2009**—Like all youth, Sacramento youth require certain knowledge, skills, and resources to become successful adults. This Saturday, the City of Sacramento and local organizations will link youth with a wide array of resources during the City's first-ever **Youth Empowerment Summit**. The Summit will consist of workshops, discussions, and contacts between youth and proven social service providers. The Summit's goal is to link youth with effective alternatives to youth and gang violence.

The Youth Empowerment Summit will take place this **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**, at the **Sacramento Convention Center, Grand Ballroom** - 1400 J Street, Sacramento

"This summit will be like no other. Youth will be able to share with City leaders and service providers the many challenges they face each day," said Mayor Johnson. "Just as important, the summit will impart valuable knowledge and connect youth with the resources and support systems they need."

Over 300 youth are expected to attend Saturday's summit. They will take part in workshops on job readiness, career development, financial management, academic preparation, and much more. In addition, special workshops on parenting and effective youth/adult communication have been scheduled for parents/care givers who attend. A large **Resource Fair** will also take place in the East Lobby from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The Youth Empowerment Summit is being sponsored by the Office of Youth Development, Valley Vision, Kaiser Permanente, U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Neighborhood Services Department.

**Details**

**Event:** City of Sacramento Youth Empowerment Summit

**Date/time:** Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Schedule:** 9:10 – 9:30 a.m. **Mayor Johnson's Media Availability** (Outside Grand Ballroom)  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Opening Session (Grand Ballroom)**  
10:40 – 12:50 a.m. **Workshops and Discussions**  
1:00 – 2 p.m. **Closing Session (Grand Ballroom)**

**Location:** Sacramento Convention Center – Upper Level Grand Ballroom, 1400 J St.

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