

Media Advisory

Central City Youth to Share Thoughts on Public Safety and Juvenile Justice with Senator Cheryl Gray Evans and Representative Walt Leger

- What:** Central City Youth Summit
- When:** Thursday, October 1, 2009
5:30-7:30 pm
- Where:** Dryades YMCA
2220 Oretha C Haley Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70113
- Who:** Juvenile Justice Project of LA and Young Adults Striving for Success, in partnership with State Senator Cheryl Gray Evans and State Representative Walter Leger III

Central City youth will come together to share ideas for making their neighborhood and city safer and for decreasing juvenile crime. State Senator Cheryl Gray Evans and State Representative Walter Leger III will address the youth in attendance, after which panelists from Juvenile Justice Project of LA's youth group Young Adults Striving for Success, the Youth Empowerment Project, and Café Reconcile will speak about current problems in Central City and New Orleans as a whole and make recommendations to their state legislators. Youth attendees from organizations across the city will be invited to engage in an open dialogue on the issues most important to them. Central City-based Café Reconcile will cater and youth will perform during the summit's intermission.

With continual news reports of teenagers arrested or killed in gun violence, legislators and community members will look to those most affected to show us what is needed to secure a safer society that values and supports all of its citizens.

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