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YWCA Accepting Applications for Free Young Women's Summer Program
YWCA Hartford Region's YWLC Summer Institute Kicks off in July

Hartford, CT-[YWCA Hartford Region](#) is accepting applications for their [Young Women's Leadership Corps \(YWLC\)](#) Summer Institute, a free program that gives young women grades 7-12 in the Greater Hartford area the power to achieve educational and personal goals. The program will run Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., from July 11 through August 12 at YWCA Hartford Region, 135 Broad Street in Hartford.

"We give young women the tools to lead successful lives and become independent women while having fun and forming positive relationships with their peers," said Nikia Newkirk, Youth Development Director for YWCA Hartford Region.

This year the program includes trips, fun activities and engaging educational workshops to build life-skills and self-esteem, learn to set goals and enhance personal wellness. The young women will participate in activities including gardening, cooking and non traditional sports such as zumba and kickboxing. They will also participate in a community service project with Foodshare to foster community involvement. Planned trips include Real Art Ways and the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. In addition, the young women will have the opportunity to get certified as a Safe Sitter.

In its tenth year, YWLC has taught young women that all things are possible. YWLC helps more than 100 young women each year reach their goals and achieve their dreams. For registration

materials and more information, please call Nikia Newkirk, Youth Development Director at (860) 525-1163, ext. 317, or e-mail nikian@ywcahartford.org.

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