

**(CADCA) Community-Based Advocacy-Focused Data-Driven Coalition-Building  
Association 2024 National Leadership  
Forum – Youth Application**

The Salt Lake County Health Department provides this opportunity for youth to attend CADCA in order to foster youth connectedness while developing rising young leaders, while teaching them how to advocate for causes that are important to them and empowering them to use their voice in local and national spaces.

The Salt Lake County Health Department invites middle and high school youth in Salt Lake County, ages 14-18, to join us for the Community-Based Advocacy-Focused Data-Driven Coalition-Building Association 2024 National Leadership Forum in National Harbor, Maryland. Please read through the application entirely to determine if this opportunity is a good fit for you. This will be a competitive process, as only 10 youth will be chosen for this opportunity.

Youth who are selected to join us for the CADCA trip will be expected to be prepared to speak with local and national legislators, behave appropriately in all settings, manage their own funds, and travel without the supervision of their parents. Chaperones will be provided by the Salt Lake County Health Department.

The application process consists of two phases: phase one is the completion and submission of this application; phase two includes an interview of finalists. Youth will be selected based on the combination of their application and interview. Late applications will not be considered. **Applications are due no later than 11:59 PM MST on June 30, 2023**

**What is the CADCA National Leadership Forum?**

The Community-Based Advocacy-Focused Data-Driven Coalition-Building Association National Leadership Forum is a conference that brings community coalitions together to strengthen community capacity and help youth gain the skills and training necessary to help them help make their community safe, healthy, and drug free. Youth who attend will get to participate in conference workshops and learn from other youth across the country about strategies other communities are using to address various health and substance use related issues. Attending youth will return to Salt Lake County with the knowledge and skills to implement change and educate others in their communities. This is a valuable opportunity for youth to gather skills, experiences, and connections.

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Website for more information: <https://www.cadca.org/events>

**Trip Dates: Sunday, January 28, 2024 – Friday, February 2, 2024**

**Conference Dates: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 – Thursday, February 1, 2024**

**Questions? Please contact**

**Cheryl Saunders: [csaunders@slco.org](mailto:csaunders@slco.org) or Abbey Summers: [asummers@slco.org](mailto:asummers@slco.org)**

**All expenses including \*hotel, registration, flight, and food will be covered by the Salt Lake County Health Department.**

***\*Participants will share a room as appropriate.***

**Location:** The National Leadership Forum is located at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

Hotel information: <https://www.nationalharbor.com/gaylord-national/>

**By being selected to attend this conference, youth will be expected to:**

- Attend all preparation meetings prior to the conference.
- Attend and participate in the conference.
- Visit with local and national legislators.
- Complete 2 projects (see below).
- Make good choices for their personal and group safety.

**By attending this conference, you agree to complete two projects, one of which needs to be completed before the conference. The second project will be completed at the conference.**

**Project 1 **due December 31, 2023** - Choose one of the three options.**

- Research a public health concern in your area and advocate for policy changes by educating stakeholders in your school, community, or Salt Lake County with presentations.
- Learn to facilitate CATCH My Breath anti-vaping program and teach other youth in your school, or community skills to avoid substance use.
- Actively participate in Youth Government.

**Project 2 - Complete the following during the conference.**

- Prepare and present a 5-6 minute speech about a public health concern to a state or county policy maker while at conference.

**Applications to attend this conference are **due by 11:59 PM MST on Friday, June 30, 2023**. Any applications submitted after Friday, June 30 will be ineligible and will not be considered.**

**Applicants will be notified of final decisions by August 1, 2023.**

**Please email applications to Teen Health: [TeenHealth@slco.org](mailto:TeenHealth@slco.org). You may also mail your application to the South Redwood Public Health at:**

**7971 S 1825 W, West Jordan, UT 84088.**

**\*Application on next page**

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

How do You Identify Your Gender? \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Speak Another Language? \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Require Any Accommodations? \_\_\_\_\_

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Dietary Restrictions and/or Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

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1. In 500 words or less, please explain why you want to attend this conference.

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2. Three skills of this experience are Public Speaking, Community Service, and Advocacy.

a. In 250 words or less, please identify one of these 3 skills that you are good at and describe why.

b. In 250 words or less, please identify one of these 3 skills that you would like to learn more about or improve on and describe why.

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3. In 500 words or less, please describe how youth can make a difference.

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4. In 500 words or less, please describe an issue in your community that you are concerned about.

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### Application Signature Page

- ☐ By checking this box, you certify that you have discussed this with your parent/guardian and have received permission to go. Additionally, you agree to the commitment of completing two of the projects listed above which may extends after the listed conference dates. Furthermore, by checking this box you certify that you agree to behave and follow instructions as given by the chaperones designated by the Salt Lake County Health Department and adhere to the code of conduct. *\*Applications without a parent/guardian signature will not be considered for youth 17 and younger.*

Youth Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parental/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parental/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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