



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: 31st Annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP)
Summer Leadership Conference**

The 31st Annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) Summer Leadership Conference will be July 20-24, 2015, at Longwood University. The YADAPP is a team-based summer leadership conference empowering teens to keep their schools and communities alcohol and drug free. Student leaders meet, connect and bond in a week full of fun activities and leadership training.

The Strategies to Act Now (STAN) Plan is the focal point of YADAPP. Students are expected to learn from the topical workshops, forums and speakers, and develop action plans that promote substance abuse prevention efforts within their own schools and/or communities. At the end of the conference, many of the teams are selected to receive mini-grants from the [Wheeler Award](#) to help with the implementation of their STAN Plans.

High schools are encouraged to send a team of four students and one adult. The registration fee for each team is \$300 until April 30, 2015. Teams may still register from May 1, 2015 through July 20, 2015; however, the cost is \$400. Conference information and registration forms may be found at www.YADAPP.com by clicking on *Enroll*.

For further assistance, please contact Amanda Kennedy, education coordinator, at the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at (804) 977-7440 or by e-mail at Amanda.Kennedy@abc.virginia.gov.

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