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## **PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA, ARIZONA AFFILIATE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America, Arizona Affiliate is pleased to announce the establishment of its Teen Leadership Program for high school students. The Arizona Affiliate is now accepting applications for the program, which will address the current trends in substance abuse, give students tools for effective team-building and help prepare them for their next steps in life.

The program is designed to provide high school aged teens with practical lessons in leadership, as well as give them a new perspective on what it means to be actively involved in their communities. Students will participate in team-building activities and media training, and will earn service hours for their involvement. At the end of their program, students will have a new appreciation for their community, be given a medal of completion, and a letter of recommendation from the Partnership.

Interested students can find an application on the Arizona Affiliate website, [www.PartnerUpAz.org](http://www.PartnerUpAz.org), where they can click on “Programs” and then “Teen Partners.” Applications are due by July 23. Each application will be reviewed, qualified candidates will be notified and a short interview will be scheduled during the month of August. The Teen Leadership Program will accept up to 10 teens from across the Valley; final candidates will be notified of acceptance into the program in August.

“Teens have a major influence on their peers and the community,” said Colleen Pyra, program manager for the Arizona Affiliate. “This program is a great way for students to communicate with their peers about substance abuse and other issues important to them.”

This program is made possible by the generous sponsorships of LifeLock, the Phoenix Suns, the Phoenix Coyotes and General Dynamics.

For more information, please call the Partnership at (602) 264-5700 or visit [www.PartnerUpAz.org](http://www.PartnerUpAz.org).

**About The Partnership for a Drug-Free America**

*The Partnership for a Drug-Free America was formed in 1986 by the communications industry to educate children, parents and communities about the consequences of illicit drug use and the benefits of living drug-free. The Partnership is highly regarded for its proven effective media campaigns and public awareness programs. Independent studies from academia, business and science document the profound impact of The Partnership's programs on attitudes and behavior.*

*The Arizona Affiliate was established in 2003 to carry out The Partnership's mission to reduce illicit drug use in Arizona while meeting the unique needs of communities. Through its programs, the Arizona Affiliate inspires and empowers Arizonans to join in a united effort to prevent illicit drug use among teens through community-based education. The Partnership is a non profit 501-c-3 organization.*

*For more information, visit the Affiliate website at [www.PartnerUpAz.org](http://www.PartnerUpAz.org).*