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County Opens 2023 Survey of Youth & Parents to Help Young People Thrive

The Loudoun County Advisory Commission on Youth (ACOY) is conducting a survey to gather information that will help inform county leaders when making decisions about services and programs designed to meet the needs of young people in the community.

The survey is intended for parents of elementary, middle school and high school aged students, and youth in middle and high school. The survey is expected to take about ten minutes to complete. The survey covers four topic areas:

- Activities and interests.
- Drug and alcohol use.
- Mental health and stress management.
- Online access and activity.

Responses are anonymous. Participants are not required to provide any individually identifying information such as their name, home address, birth date, IP address, etc.

- Take the survey in English
- Take the survey in Spanish

The survey is open through Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Information gathered from the survey will be used to inform ACOY's "State of Loudoun Youth" annual report to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

This survey was first open in 2019 as part of the Board of Supervisors' initiatives involving youth, which, in part, aim to ensure there are effective programs and services available to help Loudoun's youth thrive. The survey is intended to be an annual feedback mechanism to help county leaders stay current on trends in youth behaviors, interests and needs.

More information about the current youth survey is online at <u>loudoun.gov/youthsurvey</u>. More information about ACOY, including a link to the commission's <u>"State of Loudoun Youth – 2023" report</u>, is online at <u>loudoun.gov/acoy</u>. More information about existing youth services offered by Loudoun County is online at <u>loudoun.gov/youth</u>.