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## **250 Youth Take the Next Step in Becoming the Leaders of Tomorrow**

**What:** Cinnati's future city council members, CEOs, and community advocates will gather tomorrow to take the next step in becoming the city's role models. The Cinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) will host Bridging the Gap, a conference for participants in CAA's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

The morning will consist of breakout sessions where the young women will discuss healthy relationships, self-esteem, the transition to womanhood, and professionalism. The young men will discuss topics such as stop the violence, perception is greater than reality, the call to manhood, and healthy relationships.

Breakout sessions will be followed by lunch, a panel discussion, and the keynote speaker.

**When:** Saturday, August 1, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Cinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency  
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**Who:** 250 young men and women between the ages of 16-18 years old will participate in Bridging the Gap. Leading men and women in the community will speak with the youth, along with keynote speaker David Tavares, Minister Server of Hip-Hop Ministries.

**Why:** CAA is playing an active role in the development tomorrow's leaders by providing an outlet to address the personal and professional challenges facing today's youth. Bridging the Gap serves as the final component of SYEP.

SYEP is an eight week employment and training program for 375 youth from low- to moderate-income families. Youth are placed in entry-level jobs at community-based organizations, government agencies, corporations, law firms, health care facilities, and small businesses. They also receive weekly training on professional development.

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