

2004 Nclr Annual Conference Phoenix, Arizona June 26-29

NCLR *LÍDERES* SUMMIT - June 25-29

The NCLR *Líderes* Summit provides an exciting and challenging leadership experience for young people at the NCLR Annual Conference.



The NCLR Annual Conference is the largest gathering of its kind in the Latino community, serving as the meeting ground for over 23,000 participants, including community organization leaders and activists, elected officials, members of the corporate and academic communities, senior citizens, and youth. The Conference features more than 50 substantive workshops, nationally-recognized keynote speakers, four nights of headline entertainment, and Latino Expo USA – a consumer Expo featuring more than 300 exhibitors.

The *Líderes* Summit brings together more than 300 students, activists, and young Latino leaders (ages 14-25) from throughout the country. Participants develop leadership and teamwork skills, discuss community involvement and empowerment, and learn about Latino community issues, while also participating in the overall NCLR Annual Conference. Professionals who work with youth – counselors, advisors, and program managers – are also encouraged to attend the Summit. The *Líderes* Summit is a program of the NCLR Center for Emerging Latino Leadership, a national initiative designed to increase the number, capacity, and influence of young Latino leaders in the United States by building a national *Líderes* network that supports and strengthens programs and organizations serving Latino youth.

Program Features

The *Líderes* Summit has two primary components: the *Líderes* Pre-Conference and the *Líderes* Program.

Líderes Pre-Conference – June 25-26

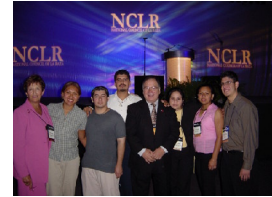


The *Líderes* Pre-Conference, is an intensive two-day session providing opportunities for youth to learn advanced leadership skills, discuss issues of concern, and network with each other. It begins on Friday June 25 with a **Community Service Project**, working with NCLR affiliates in the Phoenix area. Pre-Conference activities include **youth-led workshops**, **guest speakers**, **meals**, a **DJ Dance**, and a **Cultural Showcase** talent show.

Líderes Program – June 27-29

The *Líderes* Program begins on Sunday, June 27 and ends with the conclusion of the NCLR Annual Conference on Tuesday evening, June 29. It includes all NCLR Annual Conference events, but with additional activities tailored for young Latino leaders' maximum benefit.

A **Líderes Contest** challenges teams of young leaders to conduct leadership, teamwork, and networking activities for prize packages. **Main Conference Workshops** of particular interest to youth are highlighted for attendance. A **Mentoring Program** pairs younger and older participants for mutual exchange and growth. Daily **Check-in Sessions** allow young people to reconnect at the beginning and end of each day.



A special highlight of the *Líderes* Program is the *Líderes* Youth Town Hall Session which shines a spotlight on youth concerns and views for the larger adult Conference audience.

Líderes Youth Town Hall Session



At the *Líderes* Town Hall Session, adult Conference participants hear the voices of Latino young people who are not the “leaders of tomorrow,” but already leaders today. A panel of Latino youth, selected from among the *Líderes* Summit attendees, share their concerns about the issues that affect all of us and discuss the actions they are taking in their communities to address the challenges Latinos face. The panel then answers questions from youth and adults in the audience.

Youth Pavilion

The Youth Pavilion is a special area within Latino Expo USA aimed at youth ages 14-25 and their families. The Youth Pavilion connects young people to educational services, career options, leadership programs, mentor/intern programs, products, and much more. The Expo is free and open to the public.

