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***Mayor Fulop Announces First Annual Jersey City
Teen Summit; Conference Will Kick Off JC Summer
Works's Saturday Programming***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the **Department of Health and Human Services** will host the **first annual Jersey City Teen Leadership Summit**, a health and wellness forum for Jersey City youth, in collaboration with Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28th, 2014**, at **New Jersey City University, Student Union Building, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard**. The goal of the summit is to encourage youth to make healthy choices in a supportive peer environment.

The summit also kicks off the City's JC Summer Works initiative, which provides youth with jobs and internships in the private sector, leading nonprofits and City government as well as a wide range of enrichment and career guidance programming on Saturdays throughout the summer. These Saturday Jump Starts are designed to introduce Jersey City youth to college and career opportunities throughout Jersey City and provide them with free access to workshops and certification programs that will help to prepare them for future success.

The conference, which is open to Jersey City residents ages 15-21, will feature breakout sessions focusing on issues specific to urban teens, including LGBT issues, violence and gangs, and money management. Pre-registration is required through <https://jcteensummit.eventbrite.com>.

“Summer Works is helping Jersey City teens find employment with Jersey City's private firms, nonprofit institutions, and, municipal government,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “However, it's not enough just to help Jersey City youth get jobs. This Summit will provide valuable life enrichment workshops and financial literacy for youth throughout the city.”

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As part of JC Summer Works's Saturday Jump Start sessions, the Teen Leadership Summit will feature free lunch for registered attendees and will be recognized as community service credit hours through the Jersey City public schools.

Offered in collaboration with local colleges and universities, institutions and community organizations, Saturday Jump Starts are designed to give youth access to resources that will prepare them for future college and career opportunities in Jersey City, and include college preparation workshops, certification programs, financial literacy workshops, and tours of prominent companies and institutions. Additional Saturday Jump Start sessions will run from July 12th through August 16th. Details and registration for future Saturday Jump Start sessions can be found at <http://jerseycitysummerworks.org/saturday-jump-start/>.

“It’s important for the City to invest in our young adult population with programs like this,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “The Jersey City Teen Leadership Summit will ensure that program participants have necessary life skills and the ability to think critically about decisions that will impact their future.”

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