

# 4-H Teen Conference: A Powerful Experience with Lasting Constructive Impact on King County Latino Youth

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## ABSTRACT

Washington State offers development programs such as the 4-H Annual Teen Conference, held at the Pullman campus. The program targets youths from all ethnicities and backgrounds. Since 2009, seventy-two Latino youth from King County have attended the Teen Conference. This article describes how Latino youth benefited from a wide variety of educational workshops, ranging from skills development to college and career exploration. It also examines the influence parents have in supporting their children in this kind of experience that often provides the first encounter with a higher education environment that serves to spark the aspiration to pursue a college education.

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