

Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders Today

Family Cornerstones



Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders Today (ITLT) is a youth leadership development program of Family Cornerstones that seeks to develop this generation of youth to become the next generation of leaders.

Information

Mission: ITLT cultivates leadership capacity in students and mobilizes them to reinvest in our community.

ITLT meets bi-monthly at the YMCA or the Boys and Girls Club. Students will participate in leadership training, community service projects, special events, and trips throughout the year. ITLT serves as a place to express ideas and opinions while participating in leadership and life-skills training.

This is a great opportunity to be involved in your community as a youth leader and help inspire and prepare the next generation of leaders. This is an enjoyable and fruitful time in your life as well as a time to build lasting relationships.

Who Should Participate?

Participation in ITLT is open to students who are currently attending the middle and high schools or who are home schooled in Cleveland and Bradley County. Participants should be interested in developing their leadership skills, participating in community service projects, and be able to attend scheduled meetings. Potential leaders are diverse and ITLT represents a range of ages, genders, ethnicities, and backgrounds. A **serious commitment** is required from all participants.

For More Information:

Chrissy Pugh- Family Cornerstones Assistant Director

cpugh@familycornerstones.org

423-559-1112

www.familycornerstones.org



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A Family Cornerstones Program

Youth Application

Dear Student,

You are invited to join **Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders Today**, which exists to serve as a voice for the youth in your community to make a difference in Cleveland and Bradley County while learning leadership skills.

As part of ITLT you will identify issues that are affecting the youth in your community and work on service projects that will improve those issues. You will also receive leadership skills training that will help you prepare for your future. This is an excellent opportunity for you to come together with other students, make new friends, and help make a difference in your community.

What is expected?

- Attend bi-monthly leadership meetings. **Mandatory**
- Identify issues that impact young people in your community
- Participate in youth events and community projects
- Play a lead role in planning community projects
- Attend the ITLT retreat
- The average monthly time commitment is **five to ten** hours

*After your application has been received, you will be contacted via e-mail, phone, or Facebook by the ITLT Program Director about upcoming meetings and to confirm enrollment. Questions- please call Chrissy Pugh, Family Cornerstones Assistant Director, 423-559-1112 or e-mail cpugh@familycornerstones.org

Guidelines

Your commitment is important as a member of this program. If you think this is something you would like to be part of, please do the following:

1. Complete the application
2. Sign the application
3. Have your parent/ legal guardian read and sign the application
4. Submit **all** materials to:

Family Cornerstones
ATTN: Chrissy Pugh
PO Box 5404
Cleveland, TN 37320

Fax: 423-559-1244

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address and zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ School: _____

Grade: _____ Sex: F M T-Shirt Size _____

Parent /Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

My child has the following allergies or medical conditions (if none, please state):

How did you hear about the program?

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Use a few phrases or adjectives to describe yourself

2. What do you hope to be when you grow up? _____

3. Who is your role model? _____

4. Why do you want to be a member of ITLT?

Family Cornerstones Youth Code of Conduct

Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders Today (ITLT) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all of its members. ITLT believes it is important that members, directors, and parents associated with ITLT should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of ITLT with Chrissy Pugh- Family Cornerstones Assistant Director. ITLT strives to offer a positive experience where members can learn new skills in a safe environment.

Members of ITLT are expected to:

- ★ Participate fully in meetings, activities, and events including arriving on time and notifying the director when you will be absent or must leave early
- ★ Be responsible for your own behavior/conduct and uphold high standards for the behavior/conduct of other members of the group
- ★ Support and respect other members of the group including listening to opposing viewpoints and encouraging others when engaging in new experiences
- ★ Refrain from inappropriate language including profanity, put-downs, bullying, and degrading remarks about race, gender, age, beliefs, or background
- ★ Refrain from the consumption or possession of alcohol or drugs, including tobacco
- ★ Refrain from the possession of weapons or objects that may be harmful to oneself or others
- ★ Respect ITLT and BICC property
- ★ Demonstrate a positive attitude
- ★ Follow the instructions of the program director
- ★ Report problems or inappropriate behavior to the program director promptly

In order to achieve and receive the most from the ITLT program all members must work together to create a welcoming group where everyone has the opportunity to grow.

Failure to comply with the above guidelines may result in a verbal warning, a meeting between the director and the member and/or the parent/guardian, or dismissal from the ITLT program.

I have read and agree to the above code of conduct, understanding the consequences should I fail to follow the guidelines set in place by BICC and the ITLT program.

Signature of member

date

Signature of parent/guardian

date



Permission of Parent/Guardian

Dear Family,

Family Cornerstones continually partners with other organizations to empower this generation of youth to become the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child to be a part of ITLT. As a member of ITLT your child has a unique opportunity to have a voice in the community and develop projects that will positively affect his/her peers while gaining valuable leadership skills. Your child has great potential and your continual support is important for his/her success. As projects are chosen and developed by ITLT there may also be opportunities for you to volunteer. Please sign this permission form to allow your child to become a leader and to help make a difference in your community.

ITLT Meetings

ITLT will meet as two smaller groups on a bi-monthly basis. Middle school students will meet every other week from 5:30-7:00 at the Boys and Girls Club. High school students will meet on alternate weeks from 6:00 - 7:30 at the YMCA. Occasionally, the location or date of a meeting may be changed. In this event, the ITLT Director will make every effort to notify parents/guardians as early as possible. During the year other events will also be planned (i.e., service projects, retreats, field trips, etc.). For field trips or retreats we will require a special parental permission form to be signed.

Transportation Agreement

It will be the parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from each of the meetings. If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact Chrissy Pugh, Family Cornerstones Assistant Director, at 559-1112 or cpugh@familycornerstones.org.

Parent/ Guardian

Date

Publication Consent

I hereby give my permission to Family Cornerstones to use my child's photographic image, video and/or name, in whole or in part, for ITLT-specific public information and marketing activities to include but not limited to: website, brochure, and newsletter at the discretion of the Family Cornerstones Assistant Director.

Parent/ Guardian

Date

Medical Release

I, _____, the parent/guardian of, _____, hereby release Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders Today (ITLT) Program, its agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability whatsoever (including physical or emotional injury or death) arising out of any injury, damage, or loss, which may be sustained during the course of involvement with ITLT Program. If an accident occurs and I cannot be reached, I give full permission to Chrissy Pugh, director of ITLT Program, to exercise the decision in choosing the type of medical aid available to be administered

Signature (Parent/Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____