

# Leaders Are Like Eagles, Soaring To New Heights ©

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### **Expansion Through YouLEAD Assistance Network (YAN)**

YouLEAD Assistance Network (YAN), a nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status under IRS Code 501(c)(3), was incorporated on March 10, 2023. YAN is affiliated with FLON to launch the YouLEAD EPICenter — Educational & Economic Projects Impacting Communities project initiative – Emerging Leaders Empowered4Purpose. Review the YAN and YouLEAD EPICenter tabs to learn more about the programs.

Building on FLON’s legacy, YAN is supported by FLON to expand opportunities for students in grades 8–12, young adults ages 19–25, and adults. YAN delivers workforce development, job readiness training, leadership and character development, soft skills, financial literacy, and introductory entrepreneurship training to strengthen economic mobility and long-term self-sufficiency.

Additionally, the community event promoted as Pursuing MY Dreams In MY Neighborhood JAMSFest features local and national EduTainment artists. **[Click on Home Tab learn about upcoming event.](#)**

The YouLEAD EPICenter serves as a community and school-based simulation incubator for implementation of the Empowered4Purpose five-tier training model – prevention from risky behaviors, workforce development, job readiness, and career exploration using educational virtual-reality (E-VR) technology (Oculus Quest).

The training provides professional development to include soft skills, introduction to entrepreneurship, financial literacy, hospitality training, and mental health wellness education designed specifically for students in grades 8–12, young adults (19–25), and adults.

### **Educational Model and Framework**

The advanced five-tier educational project initiatives are designed to equip underserved populations in disadvantaged communities with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to achieve educational and job readiness success, set personal goals, pursue economic well-being to reduce poverty, build leadership capacity, and make healthier life choices over time.

### **Our Vision Moving Forward**

As FLON enters its 26th year, it is our hope that the local community support that launched FLON’s impact will also propel YAN’s beginning. With sustained community investment, YAN will grow to serve thousands of students, young adults, and adults—the future emerging and aspiring global leaders and entrepreneurs destined to soar to new heights.

### **Invitation to Partner**

We hope after you read more information about the FLON and YAN initiatives, we can collaborate to make a greater impact on young people and adults, who are the future emerging and aspiring leaders, pursuing their dreams in their communities. Thank you in advance for joining us and getting involved!

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