Building Youth Leaders Over The Summer in Columbia County, NY

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It was an exciting time at Taconic Hills Central School District as Sergio Chavez, Program Facilitator at Mentor Foundation USA, met with middle school students for a two-week leadership empowerment program.

Students were engaged in sessions where they participated in ice-breaker activities and were provided snacks and beverages. The focus and goal of the program was to promote team building, leadership and character development through guided activities. Students practiced goal setting, effective communication skills, and collaborating as a group using interactive games specifically designed for teens. Participation was enthusiastic and feedback from students and teachers alike were positive.

With the upcoming Shattering the Myths/Living the Example Rally taking place at Taconic Hills in September, program participants were invited to become youth ambassadors to continue spreading positive messages of prevention to their peers.

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