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## **RivCo officials to honor youth mentors at graduation**

Community Action Partnership of Riverside County will celebrate the accomplishments of youth mentors at the Project L.E.A.D. graduation May 31 in Riverside. Taking part in the recognition ceremony will be representatives from the offices of Riverside County Supervisors Kevin Jeffries and John Tavaglione and Congressman Mark Takano.

“We’re looking forward to recognizing the mentors who have trained diligently to make a positive and lasting impact among youth in Riverside County,” said Brenda Freeman, Community Action Partnership executive director.

The program is completed in partnership with Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) and Alvard Unified School District (AUSD). Project L.E.A.D. (Linking Education, Advocacy and Development) trains mentors/tutors to assist middle school students with character development through such after-school activities as recreation, crafts, art, music computers and academic course work.

Community Action Partnership hired 31 youth coordinators to assist at nine middle schools in 2015-16, Freeman noted.

Mentors receive a comprehensive pre-service orientation, along with hourly pay, on-going training and support for 400 hours of program service. Mentors also receive a match savings incentive at the successful completion of the program.

The graduation is planned from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on May 31 at the Community Action Partnership offices, located at 2038 Iowa Avenue, Ste. B-102, in Riverside.

To learn more about Project L.E.A.D., visit [www.capriverside.org](http://www.capriverside.org).

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