



## Caring People Alliance

*Serving Children and Strengthening Families*

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## **Caring People Alliance's Summer Camper Youth Participate in Leadership Training – A Catalyst to Healthy Choices**

**PHILADELPHIA** —Caring People Alliance youth from the West Philadelphia Community Center Summer Camp will participate in leadership training that fosters critical thinking, artistic expression and team building designed by DELT(A)<sup>3</sup> Academy. Seven WPCC campers have been selected for this unique and far-reaching instruction. At a time, when violence in Philadelphia is at an all time high this program that promotes character building, educational achievement, healthy lifestyles and teamwork is particularly desirable.

The DELT(A)<sup>3</sup> Academy, which stands for Developing Exceptional Leaders Through Academics, Arts, and Athletics, is a training program that focuses on developing children as leaders. The DELT(A)<sup>3</sup> Academy curriculum includes three components. The academic component fosters critical thinking skills. In the artistic component youth explore communication styles as they express emotions, feelings, and thoughts in the arts module. This helps children to use non-physical methods of communication to express ideas and to resolve conflict. Lastly, the athletic portion of the curriculum is designed to challenges participants to create teams with children from different backgrounds and perspectives through games and structured play. The program focuses on nine and 10 year olds at an important time in their developmental life. Lessons learned here can guide them in the “high conflict” teenage years and into their work and careers.

The collaboration between Caring People Alliance and the DELT(A)<sup>3</sup> Academy at Henry C. Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street, is a natural fit. Both organizations have the shared mission of developing and empowering youth to become leaders in the community.

### **About Caring People Alliance:**

Caring People Alliance, an affiliate of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, offers a wide range of community programs and services for children, youth, families and older adults. Caring People Alliance served over 42,000 children, youth and families last year within three neighborhood community centers including Samuel S. Fels in South Philadelphia, R.W. Brown in North Philadelphia, the West Philadelphia Community Center in Mantua, and through the Child Care Information System (CCIS) day care subsidy program. For more information, visit [www.caringpeoplealliance.org](http://www.caringpeoplealliance.org) or call (215) 545-5230.

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