

LeadOn 2025: Youth Leadership in Action

A 3-day conference bringing together youth leaders and adult mentors across Alaska to build leadership, peer connection, and skills to prevent violence.

Session Topics

Digital
Storytelling
& Media
Literacy

Healthy
Relationships
Education

Wellness
& Healthy
Living

Youth
Community
Engagement

Participation



79

Conference Attendees



66

Survey Respondents



Who was at LeadOn 2025?

Respondent Overview

73% Youth leaders

73% First-time
attendees

34% Ages 17-19

Gender Identity

65% Female or Girl

18% Male or Boy

18% Non-binary or
Not listed

Race & Ethnicity

37% White or Caucasian

34% Alaska Native or
American Indian

12% Not listed

11% Asian or Asian
American

3% Black or African
American

3% Hispanic or Latino

Alaska Representation

28% Southeast

25% Southwest

20% Southcentral

15% Interior

12% Far North



LeadOn 2025: Key Takeaways

Relationship & Communication Skills



97%

Know how to **engage in healthy behaviors** in their relationships.



94%

Know how to **talk with their peers** about finding support for their mental health concerns.



92%

Know where to **find information or resources** about domestic violence, sexual assault, or teen dating violence.

Media Skills



97%

Learned how to **create and share messages about respect and ending violence** in their community.



95%

Learned how to **use media to share information or messages** about issues in their community.

After LeadOn...

94%

of participants know **how to be a leader** in their community to prevent violence.



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“I liked the easy and accepting connection to my peers and to the mentors. My voice and opinions felt heard and understood”

- Youth Participant

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Top Five Community Issues to Address

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Mental Health and Suicide

2

Substance Misuse

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Racism and Racial Equity

4

Housing

5

Relationship Abuse

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“I liked being able to learn what we wanted and connect with people from other communities.”

- Youth Participant

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Violence & Safety Beliefs

98%

Agree that **physical violence is never an acceptable response.**

98%

Feel safe in their community.

95%

Know **how to resolve conflicts** with others in safe ways.

91%

Feel **comfortable speaking up** when someone is being treated unfairly.

