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## Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Inc. Brings Inaugural *Empower Watsonville* Youth Leadership Conference to Watsonville High School

*Youth-led conference highlights community issues, inspires youth advocacy.*

Watsonville, CA. – Are you concerned about the issues that affect your community? Needing inspiration? Well, this is your chance to be part of community change. PVPSA is sponsoring the FREE, youth-led conference on Saturday, December 8, at Watsonville High School, from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The event will kick off with two former WHS students, keynote speaker, Carina Moreno, World Boxing Association Boxing Flyweight Champion, and featured musical talent, rapper Kabwasa. PVPSA will provide complimentary breakfast and lunch for participants.

The vision for *Empower Watsonville* was developed by the PVPSA Summer Leadership Program's Executive Team whose mission is to create a community-driven generation of students who will inspire their peers, create awareness about important issues, and work to solve conflicts in their community.

The Conference will host a total of 18 workshops that will focus on local issues like homelessness, immigration, mental health, leadership skills, and much more. A resource fair will also take place during the lunch break to ensure that students receive additional information on critical youth-targeted programs available in the community.

Online sign-ups are strongly encouraged. The event is FREE, however, please help Empower Watsonville ensure that everyone has a seat.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empower-watsonville-leadership-conference-tickets-51350172749>

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About Empower Watsonville – *Empower Watsonville* is a youth leadership conference organized by high school students, for high school students. The conference is sponsored by Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance (PVPSA). The vision for *Empower Watsonville* was developed by the PVPSA Summer Leadership Program’s Executive Team whose mission is to create a community-driven generation of students who will inspire their peers, create awareness about important issues, and work to solve conflicts in their community.

About Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Inc. - Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance (PVPSA) is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing education, training, counseling and prevention services to students, families and staff in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. By helping prevent criminal behavior, gang involvement, truancy, and drug, alcohol and tobacco use, PVPSA improves the quality of life in our community and its schools. Read more at [www.pvpsa.org](http://www.pvpsa.org)

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