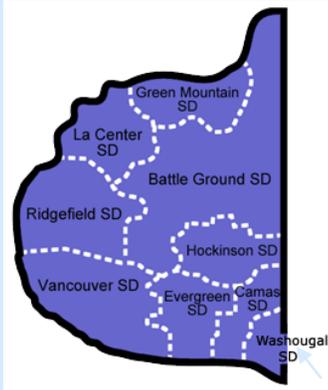


## Representing Clark County Youth

STASHA Peer Educators are a diverse group of youth between the ages of 12-19. STASHA continues to strive to have member representation from each school district in Clark County. Currently, we have representation from the following districts:

Battle Ground  
Camas  
Evergreen  
Hockinson  
Vancouver  
Washougal



## Thank You STASHA Volunteers!

STASHA members volunteer between 4-8 hours each month working on projects that seek to reduce substance abuse in Clark County. Collectively, the group donated 1,084.5 hours over the 2012-13 year which is a value of \$22,743.33.

**Shocking**



**We Know!**

## Peer Educators Say:

"STASHA has had a huge impact on my life just because STASHA is awesome. There is no other way to describe it." ~Kris

"STASHA has allowed me to open my eyes and realize what is really going on out in my community. I'm able to use my voice and educate my peers and those who aren't as fortunate to be a part of this amazing group." ~Audrey

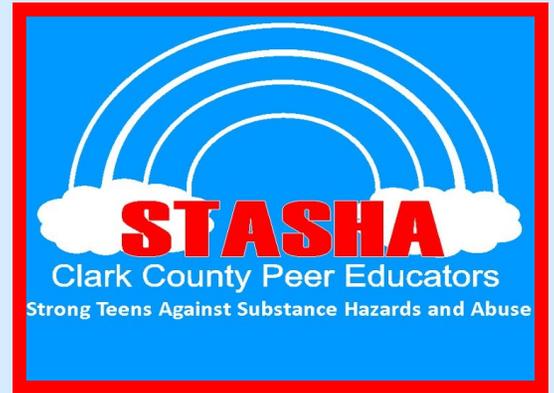
"STASHA has given me new information that I didn't know before, some new friends and lots of fun and awesome opportunities! I don't regret joining STASHA at all." ~Patrick

"Clark County needs this program because it allows youth to get involved, build skills, create positive associations, and bonds. Youth learn how powerful their voices are. The community can also see that next generation in action and know that we are going to be capable adults."  
~J. Tyler

"I could have easily chosen a path of destruction or even just not done anything to help my community, but I didn't" ~Emily

"It brings perspective from various youth in different areas to weigh in on prevention efforts. STASHA has given me a new skill set that I can use throughout my life. It helped me prepare for various situations where I need to be professional." ~Cara

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*"Our mission is to help prevent substance use and encourage Clark County youth to make healthy decisions through nonjudgmental youth to youth advice and/or suggestions."*

## What is the STASHA Peer Education Program?

*STASHA (stay-shuh) stands for Strong Teens Against Substance Hazards and Abuse. STASHA is a nonjudgmental group made up of youth who work to prevent substance abuse among their peers and within their community, by sharing their voice and through youth driven prevention efforts. This group is comprised of youth who have never used drugs and alcohol, youth with past experimentation/use, and youth who have completed treatment and are now in recovery.*



### History

The STASHA Peer Education program was established in 2008. The creation of this program was in response to Clark County citizens requesting that positive leadership opportunities be made available to Clark County youth in the area of substance abuse prevention.



## What do STASHA members do?

**Promote** awareness through outreach and educational programs, while serving as a resource for their peers at school and/or one-on-one.

**Advise** various county groups on how to best address substance hazards and abuse at a community level.

**Support** programs and policies that minimize substance abuse and encourage youth to pursue positive behavior changes and participate in a healthier Clark County.

## Interested in Becoming a STASHA Peer Educator?

- Youth ages 12-19 living in Clark County may apply in the spring.
- Interviews are scheduled in June.
- Selected applicants are required to attend a two day, 18-hour training in the fall.
- Peer Educators then receive continued education throughout the year during meetings, sub-committees, conferences and events.



## Meet STASHA



## STASHA's Projects & Partnerships:

- Partnered with PREVENT! to propose a drug paraphernalia ordinance to the Vancouver City Council
- Collaborated with PREVENT!, Clark College ACES Club, and the Community Drug Action Team for the Youth Leadership & Prevention Summit: Teens Care Too (TC2)
- Participated in Policy Makers Education Day (PMED) in Olympia
- Created, Coordinated, and Hosted "PREVENTION IS A PARTY!". This is an annual event open to all middle school and high school students on a day that is commonly associated with marijuana use (April 20th)
- Researched and developed talking points on Initiative I-502 for the Washington State Liquor Control Board
- Interviewed peers on the topic of marijuana use among youth in Clark County
- Participated in the Prescription Drug Take-Back event sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Clark County Environmental Services in partnership with PREVENT! and Clark College
- Completed State Farm Grant to reduce underage drinking and driving