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PEER EDUCATORS

CLARK COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION
2015-2016 STASHA PEER EDUCATOR APPLICATION

STRONG TEENS AGAINST SUBSTANCE HAZARDS AND ABUSE

Peer educators help prevent substance use and encourage Clark County minors to make healthy decisions through nonjudgmental youth-to-youth advice and /or suggestions.

What is the STASHA Peer Education Program?

STASHA Peer Educators are Clark County youth between the ages of 12-19 (7th grade- freshman in college). STASHA works to prevent substance abuse among their peers and with their community, using their own words and in their own way.

The young people in this program seek to represent the diverse geographic regions and populations of the county. **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.** Youth serve a one year term (September-August) and can continue to serve through their first year of college, if attending school locally.

The group meets the first and third Mondays of each month from 6-8 pm at the Clark County Youth House. In order to successfully carry out the project ideas, the group also meets for sub-committee meetings. Peer Educators typically volunteer about 4-8 hours each month.

Peer Educators:

- **Promote** awareness through outreach and educational programs, while serving as a resource for his/her peers at school and/or one-on-one.
- **Advise** various county groups on how to best address substance 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.

To apply, you must be:

- Living in Clark County
- Between 12-19 years old (7th grade-1st yr. in college)
- Able to attend STASHA's annual Fall training on September 12th and 13th from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Able to attend general meetings
- Committed to not using alcohol or other drugs
- Excited about working with diverse groups of youth
- Dedicated to reducing substance abuse among youth

How to apply:

- Fill out the application
- Mail, fax or drop off application by June 19th, 2015
- If selected, we will contact you for an interview (tentative interview dates are June 29th & June 30th)

Please mail, fax or drop off your completed application
no later than Friday, June 19th, 2015.

If you need more room to write, use your own paper and attach it to your application.

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1. Name _____

   Address, City, State, Zip _____

   Contact Info: Cell Phone _____ Can you text? ☐ N ☐ Y

   Home Phone _____ E-mail _____
   Please ***STAR* the BEST way to reach you (home, cell, email)**

   Age _____ Gender _____

2. Next fall, I will be in ____grade and attend_____(school)

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3. **Reference and Letter of Recommendation:** Please include a reference who has known you for at least 6 months. A letter of recommendation from your reference is strongly encouraged.
Examples: teacher, friend, coach, etc. NOT a family member. They can write about anything that helps us get to know you better.

Name: **Phone and/or email:**

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4. Why are you interested in becoming a Peer Educator for Substance Abuse Prevention?

5. What do you like to do for fun?

6. What other activities are you involved with outside of school hours (clubs, job, church, baby-sitting, sports)? Will this conflict with your time as a Peer Educator?

7. How did you hear about STASHA?

8. Please describe something positive in your life. How does it affect you?
(You can list more than one)

9. How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

10. As a peer educator, you may have opportunities to do the following:

- Talk in front of a group
- Develop presentations
- Plan an event or activity
- Work in a group or lead a group
- Teach younger kids
- Travel for conferences
- Partner with local substance abuse coalitions
- Serve as a Liaison for local substance abuse coalitions

Which of these opportunities are you most interested in and why?

11. How would you benefit from being a member of STASHA?

☐ **Yes, I can attend the training Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th in Clark County, WA (not an overnight)**

Mail:

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Vancouver, WA 98666-5000
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(remember to fax **both** sides)

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Vancouver, WA 98660

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