



So U want 2 be a Peer Educator?

Clark County Substance Abuse Prevention
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
non-judgmental youth-to-youth advice
and /or suggestions.

What is STASHA Education Program?

STASHA Peer Education is a year long peer education and outreach program on substance abuse prevention for Clark County youth grades 7-12. It is a program of the Clark County Department of Community Services housed at the Clark County Youth House.

Peer Educators are:

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 always been substance free, youth with past experimentation/use and youth who have completed treatment and are now in recovery. Youth serve a one year term (Oct.-Aug.) and can serve through their senior year of high school.

Peer Educators will:

- **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 the abuse of alcohol and other drugs and that encourage youth to pursue positive behavior changes and participate in a healthier Clark County.

To apply, you must be:

- Living in Clark County
- In grade 7-12 (or age equivalent if not in school)
- Able to attend general meetings and trainings
- Dedicated to reducing substance abuse among youth
- Excited about working with diverse groups of youth

How to apply:

- Fill out the application.
- Mail, fax or drop off the application.
- We will contact you for an interview.

Please mail or fax your completed application
No later than Monday September 14th, 2009.
If you need more room to write, use your own paper and attach it to your application.

1. Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Contact Info: Cell Phone _____ Can you use texting? N Y

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Age _____ Gender _____

2. Do you go to school (MS, HS, Alternative, Running Start)?

No Yes, I attend _____ I am in grade _____

3. **Letter of Recommendation:** Include a letter written by someone who has known you for at least 6 months. 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:

4. What are your interests in becoming a Peer Educator for Substance Abuse Prevention?

5. What do you like to do for fun (list 3 or more)?

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

7. Please describe something positive in your life? How does it affect you?

8. How would your friends describe you? (please give 3 examples)

9. As a peer educator, you will have opportunities to do the following:

- Talk in front of a group
- Make flyers and/or posters
- Plan an event or activity
- Work in a group or lead a group
- Act or perform dramas
- Teach younger kids
- Travel for conferences

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

10. What are your addictions? They can be anything!! (positive ☺ or negative ☹)

Yes, I can attend the training Saturday, October 10th and Sunday, October 11th from 9am-6pm in Vancouver, WA (training is not overnight).

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House

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1012 Ester St.
Vancouver, WA 98660

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