

**Clark County Substance Abuse Prevention
2010-2011 STASHA Peer Educator Application**
Strong Teens Against Substance Hazards and Abuse



*Want to be a
Peer Educator?*

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 Educators are Clark County youth between the ages of 12-19 (7th grade- freshman in college) who work 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 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 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 application.
- We will contact you for an interview (tentative interview dates are August 18, 19, and 20)

Please mail or fax your completed application
no later than Wednesday August 4th, 2010.

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 _____

Please *STAR*** the BEST way to reach you (home, cell, email)**

Age _____ Gender _____

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

No Yes, I attend _____ I am in grade _____

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:

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?
(You can list more than one)

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
- Plan an event or activity
- Teach younger kids
- Write postings for blogs or websites
- Work in a group or lead a group
- Travel for conferences

Which 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, September 11th and Sunday, September 12th in Clark County, WA

Mail:

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Vancouver, WA 98666-5000
Attn: Angela McKinney/Youth House

Fax:

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(remember to fax **both** sides)

Drop-off (not a mailing address):
1012 Esther St.
Vancouver, WA 98660

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