

## 2008 Washington State Prevention Summit Chaperone Guidelines

Chaperones are more than just a ride! They are the primary contacts and mentors for youth attending the Prevention Summit. Chaperones are our first line in promoting and protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the youth that join us. It is every chaperones duty to be a reliable, positive role model whom youth can turn to for everything from health matters to guidance on conference etiquette.

Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age or at least 3 years older than the youth they are chaperoning, whichever is greater.

**Reminder:** It is the responsibility of individual agencies/organizations to conduct background checks on the chaperones attending with youth.

### **Mandatory Chaperone Meeting:**

Thursday, October 16, from 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Yakima Convention Center, Suite 300

Friday, October 17, from 7:45 am – 8:30 am, Yakima Convention Center, Suite 300

**Please be sure to attend one of the meetings!**

The Washington State Prevention Summit presents a great opportunity for the prevention community to come together, reflect on past years of success, learn new prevention strategies, and network with a variety of people. Though this is a time for fun and learning, there are a few guidelines that need to be followed:

- Chaperones are responsible for youth whereabouts at all times;
- Youth and chaperones attending the Summit are expected to adhere to a zero tolerance policy for tobacco, alcohol, illegal drug use/possession, violence and sexual activity;
- The Summit curfew for youth is 11:30 p.m., no exceptions;
- Chaperones are required to attend all meals and activities (excluding the workshops) with their youth;
- Chaperones and youth must know which workshops each other are attending in case of emergencies;
- Chaperones are responsible for reviewing the workshops their youth plan to attend;
- Chaperones need to know youth emergency contact numbers and medical needs. A copy of emergency medical forms should be carried by chaperones and youth;
- Throughout the Summit, chaperone support is available to answer questions and provide guidance as needed. Please contact the registration desk to request support.

**Violations of any of the guidelines may result in a group or individual being sent home at his/her own expense.** The Summit organizers have set the above expectations to provide a framework of appropriate behavior for all attendees. Your group may choose to have additional guidelines and expectations.

**Thank you for your time and efforts in supporting the youth! We hope you enjoy the Summit!**