

NEW YOUTH FORMAT THIS YEAR!

Frequently Asked Questions.....

Q: Are scholarships available?

A: Yes. This year with special funding from the Attorney General's office there will be scholarships available to youth teams with three or more youth attending. The scholarships will be reviewed for eligibility and selected on a first come first serve basis. There will be about 210 scholarships available for youth and about 70 for their Youth Team Adult Advisor's. For more information please email pxscholarship@psed.org.

Q: Is the 2008 Prevention Summit Youth Track different from the past?

A: Yes. This year it is recommended to attend the Summit in teams. There will be time for teams to think through and develop a community plan. Teams will also have a chance to participate in service learning projects in Yakima. Youth will choose a topic, and will receive information as well as be presented with a community project that has been successfully implemented.

Q: Should youth still attend the conference if they do not have a team?

A: Absolutely! The Prevention Summit Youth Track has information and skill-building sessions that are valuable for everyone. Youth who arrive without a team will be joined with other individuals for group activities and can develop a plan for their own community.

Q: Does every team need a Youth Team Adult Advisor?

A: Yes. Each team must have at least one Youth Team Adult Advisor. The advisor will also be one of the chaperones for the team.

Q: Is my team too small? Too big?

A: A team can be as small as one youth and one Youth Team Adult Advisor and as large as they want. A team could be set up as "ideally" 6 youth and two adults (one Youth Team Adult Advisor and one chaperone). Remember, for every three youth, there must be at least one adult. So if your team is very large, be sure there are enough chaperones to cover this rule.

Q: How is a Youth Team Adult Advisor different than a chaperone?

A: The Summit requires for one adult to be responsible for no more than three youth. A Chaperone that has not been designated to be the Youth Team Adult Advisor will have the option to complete the Youth Track with their team, or may choose to attend the Adult Track. The designated Youth Team Advisor is expected to attend the Youth Track with their team to facilitate the team planning sessions, where teams will decide on a project direction and begin to develop a plan for their team.

Q: What role does the Youth Team Adult Advisor have?

A: The Youth Team Adult Advisor will complete the Youth Track with their team. They will be available throughout the Summit to guide and support their youth team. They will facilitate the team planning sessions, and assist in developing a community project.

Q: Is it okay for a newly formed youth group/team to attend the Summit even though they have not completed a project together?

A: That's fine. Teams will receive the tools and skills necessary to develop a project for their community during the Summit.

Q: Can a Youth Team Adult Advisor participate in the Adult Track?

A: Youth Team Advisors are expected to attend and participate in the Prevention Summit Youth Track with their team of youth. Only one Youth Team Adult Advisor is required to attend the Youth Track with the youth. If a youth team is large enough to need more than one chaperone, the remaining chaperones will have the option of attending the Adult Track.

Q: Does a team need to have a project in mind before attending the Prevention Summit?

A: No. The Prevention Summit Youth Track has been specifically developed for teams to create a plan for a community project during the Summit. If a team already has an idea for a plan before the Summit, that's great too. Teams will receive the tools to go forth and implement their plan once teams are back in their communities.