



WASHINGTON STATE PREVENTION SUMMIT OCTOBER 14-16, 2010 CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

Chaperones 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 chaperone's duty to be a reliable, positive role model whom youth can turn to for everything from health matters to guidance on conference etiquette.

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

Mandatory Chaperone Meeting

10/6: Chaperone Meeting Conference Call 3:00-4:00pm

10/14: Chaperone Meeting Onsite 8:50-9:30pm

Please be sure to attend one of the meetings!

To ensure enough phone lines, please RSVP for the conference call meeting by sending an email to this address: chaperonemeeting@preventionsummit.org

A phone number and code will be provided to you in a reply email.

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 must be at least 19 years of age and at least 3 years older than the youth they are chaperoning.
- Must attend on mandatory chaperone meeting.
- 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 11:00 p.m., no exceptions; Chaperones are responsible to make sure all youth are in their hotel rooms by curfew.
- 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;

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.

Throughout the Summit, chaperone support is available to answer questions and provide guidance as needed. Please contact the registration desk to request support. Thank you for your time and efforts in supporting the youth! We hope you enjoy the Summit!

**For more information regarding the Youth Leadership Track, please contact
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