



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of YPC? The purpose of YPC is to empower young people to raise awareness in their community about the number one drug of choice for young people in Texas—alcohol.

2. What will I be doing? As a YPC Community Educator you will conduct fun, interactive presentations on the physical, social, and legal consequences of underage drinking. You will present this information by sharing relevant personal stories and explaining key information. You will also plan and implement outreach projects related to underage drinking prevention.

3. Who will I be presenting to? You will primarily be presenting to middle school, high school, college students and adult community members in both school and community settings. Groups will be small and large.

4. Will I have to present alone? You will always be scheduled to present with at least one other Community Educator, so you won't be alone. Additionally, there will be at least one other adult in the room with you.

5. Can I participate in YPC, if I have used alcohol before? Yes. We realize that many people will want to participate in this program because they have experienced, first hand, the negative consequences associated with alcohol use and will want to share their story to prevent others from experiencing the same. However, during your term as a Community Educator you must model responsible behavior. If you are under 21; it is against the law to use alcohol.

6. If I am 21, can I drink alcohol and still participate? If you are 21 or older, you are legally able to drink alcohol. Community Educators are representatives of YPC and YouthLaunch, therefore, we require that during your term as a YPC Community Educator, that if you drink alcohol in your personal time, you must drink responsibly and model the responsible behavior. If you drink, you must not drive.

7. What will my personal story need to be about? Sharing why you are concerned about underage drinking is an important part of the program. Your story can range from how you would like to be a role model, how your life has been affected by underage alcohol use, or that you would like to see change in the community.

8. What if I don't know much about underage alcohol issues? Will I be trained? The most important thing is that you are passionate about educating and inspiring your community. We will train you on underage alcohol issues and laws, how

to tell your own story in a public setting, how to manage the audience, and how to be an effective member of a team.

9. How often will I be participating in YPC activities? What is the time commitment? Once you have been trained, you can begin doing presentations. Your time commitment will depend on how many presentations and outreach activities are scheduled (and how many you sign up for). In addition to conducting community presentations, you will also attend 2 team meetings per month, and plan alcohol prevention service and advocacy projects. We anticipate the time commitment to be 6-10 hours a month.

10. Will I have time to work another job or go to school? Yes, as long as you are able to attend team meetings and you are able to complete all presentations you commit too. In fact, we support you in pursuing your education or having an additional job.

11. Do I have to be a good public speaker to apply? You do not need any prior experience in public speaking, although you will need to be comfortable with the idea of speaking to large and small groups.

12. Is it a requirement to speak English? Yes. You need to be English-speaking or bilingual.

13. Is transportation provided? No. Community Educators are responsible for arranging transportation to meetings and presentations; however, YPC staff understands that transportation costs can be a barrier to participation. To help with transportation costs, Community Educators receive gas cards for the presentations that they complete.

14. Will I get paid? For the 2009-2010-program year, you will receive a monthly stipend in exchange for your service if you are fully participating in program activities. YPC Community Educators can earn up to \$150 a month for their service stipend. Your monthly stipend amount will be contingent on the number of presentations, training/team meetings and service projects.