



Dublin **A.C.T.** Coalition

Adolescents and Community Together...To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking

Dear Dublin High School Youth

The Dublin A.C.T. Coalition was formed in the spring of 2008 by members of the Dublin community in response to the U.S. Surgeon General's request that communities across our nation put in motion initiatives to reduce and prevent underage drinking. The members of this coalition include representatives from the City of Dublin, the schools, healthcare providers, civic groups, businesses, law enforcement, parents, media and importantly Dublin youth.

You have a valuable perspective and voice as a member of this community. Last year the Dublin A.C.T. Coalition established a Youth Council as a forum to effectively use the time, talents and perspective of Dublin high school-aged teens. The Youth Council will give youth a voice in the community regarding underage drinking initiatives and provide input and guidance to the full A.C.T. coalition. This group will also develop and initiate youth-driven community projects to combat underage drinking. We have partnered with Youth to Youth International to provide the necessary training and leadership needed to guide the Youth Council members. Their professional prevention staff will conduct meetings, assist youth in strategic planning, and help with the execution of their selected environmental underage drinking prevention projects.

You can participate on one of two levels of the Youth Council, either as a **Member** or **Advisor**.

- Youth Council Member:** Teens personally committed to our mission are invited to apply to be full Members. Members would sign a commitment to participate fully in all meetings/activities including 2-hour meetings during the school day every 6 weeks. At this time, we are exploring the provision of transportation to and from meetings during school. In addition, Members must pledge to be alcohol and drug-free as a requirement to be a part of this select council. We envision this Council being comprised of approximately ten to fifteen youth member representatives from each of the three Dublin High Schools.
- Youth Council Advisor:** Youth may also select to serve in an *Advisor* capacity to the Youth Council. Advisors would be gathered on an as needed basis to share ideas, give feedback and assist with projects. Advisors would not be subject to the above requirements.

If you have questions regarding the Youth Council or application please contact:

Dublin City Schools Safe and Drug Free Schools Program Coordinators

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Youth to Youth International

- Jaime Burke, 224-4506, ext. 145 *or by email* jburke@youthtoyouth.net

We invite you to apply to serve on Youth Council, either as a Member or an Advisor based upon your interest and ability to commit significant time and energy. Selection considerations include grade level, gender, diversity, representation from a variety of peer groups and outside time commitments. Since Youth Council Member meetings take place during the school day, adequate academic progress and school attendance will also be reviewed. Applications must be returned to your high school's Guidance Office by Monday, October 5th. We expect to notify applicants shortly thereafter and hold our first meeting at the end of October. We look forward to working together.

A coalition acting in response to the U.S. Surgeon General's Call to Action - "It's Your Call"