



Dublin **A.C.T.** Coalition
Adolescents and Community Together... To Prevent and Reduce Substance Abuse

Dear Dublin High School Youth

You have a valuable perspective and voice as a member of this community. The Dublin A.C.T. Coalition (Adolescents and Community Together to prevent and reduce substance abuse) 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 prevention of underage drinking and other drug use 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 and other drug use including the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs. 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 partner with Dublin City Schools to conduct meetings, assist youth in strategic planning, and help with the execution of their selected environmental underage drinking prevention projects.

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. Transportation will be provided to and from meetings during school. In addition, members must pledge to be drug-free (including alcohol) 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.

Meeting Dates: **Nov. 10th - 10am - 11:45am**
Dec. 15th - 12pm - 1:45pm
Feb. 2nd - 10am - 11:45am
March 8th - 12pm - 1:45pm
April 26th - 10am-11:45am

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

- GeorgiAnn Diniaco, Dublin City Schools Safe and Drug Free School Program at 764-5950 or by email diniaco_georgiann@dublinschools.net
- Cheryl Campbell, Youth to Youth International at 224-4506, ext. 150 or by email ccampbell@youthtoyouth.net

We invite you to apply to serve as a Youth Council Member 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 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 **Friday, October 14th**. We expect to notify applicants shortly thereafter and hold our first meeting early November. 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"