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RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Tobacco Free Rhode Island Youth Program

Tobacco Free Rhode Island is a statewide network of organizations and individuals fighting to reduce tobacco and nicotine use- the leading cause of preventable death and disease in Rhode Island.

The TFRI Youth Program will run from September through June.

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Tobacco-Free Youth Ambassador Leadership Team

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TFRI Youth Network

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Description

The TFRI Youth Network is comprised of youth and young adults from around the state that are unable to make the full commitment to the Ambassador Program but would still like to be involved with TFRI. This network is open to youth of all ages to participate in tobacco education and advocacy events and opportunities, but nothing is mandatory. You can apply for this team here.

This team will have an average of 10 hours of opportunities between September and June, which again, is not mandatory.

Gives

Although nothing is mandatory for the Youth Network, TFRI encourages the following:

- attend and participate in events
- spread tobacco prevention and education awareness
- recruit youth to help build the tobacco-free movement
- be open to learn and work with people from different

Gets

Youth who are consistently involved with TFRI have the opportunity to:

- receive community service hours
- make a positive impact at the community and state level
- meet like-minded youth
- make long-lasting relationships and memories communities, cultures, and backgrounds

Tobacco-Free Youth Ambassador Program

Description

Youth Ambassadors are the heart of the TFRI Youth Program. The Tobacco-Free Youth Ambassador Program is a statewide movement of youth and young adults aged 12-21 who are committed to advocating, educating, mobilizing, and preventing tobacco and nicotine use in Rhode Island. They are able to engage in workshops, training, and other opportunities throughout the year that will better their leadership skills and understanding of tobacco and nicotine and all its related topics. You can apply for this team here.

This team will have an average of 20 hours of opportunities between September and June, which are highly encouraged and at least 50% are mandatory.

Gives

Ambassador expectations are as follows:

- attend and participate in meetings, tasks, activities, and events
- provide input when program planning
- continuously spread tobacco prevention and education awareness
- recruit youth from across the state to help build the tobacco-free movement
- be a leader that others look up to
- always be open to learn and work with people from different communities,

Gets

Ambassadors will have the opportunity to:

- receive stipends and/or community service hours based on participation
- make a positive impact in their community and state
- gain leadership skills, knowledge, connections, and more
- meet like-minded youth
- establish long-lasting relationships and memories cultures, and backgrounds

Tobacco-Free Youth Ambassador Leadership Team

Description

The Tobacco-Free Youth Ambassador Leadership Team is elected at the beginning of the program by the membership. These leaders are part of the Ambassador Program; have been past program members; and are connected to other youth programming at the local, state, or national levels.

This team will have an average of 30 hours of opportunities and leadership prep between September and June, which are highly encouraged and at least 75% are mandatory.

Gives

The Leadership Team will have the responsibilities of a Youth Ambassador, as well as:

- lead the Youth Ambassador Program
- help plan, organize, and lead meetings, tasks, activities, and events
- teach others how to spread tobacco prevention and education awareness

Gets

Leaders will have the same opportunities as the Youth Ambassadors, as well as:

- receive **more** compensation (stipends and/or community services hours)
- build on leadership skills, knowledge, connections, and more
- build resumes for future jobs and/or colleges
- bring back skills to school and community to make a positive impact locally
- make relationships with like-minded youth leaders and professionals from across the state and country

TFRI's Youth Programs Goals

Recruit/maintain youth leaders from communities across Rhode Island.

Host youth trainings that focus on skill building, tobacco/nicotine education, and related topics.

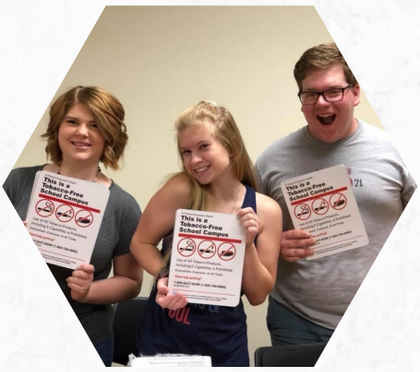
Engage youth in local, state, and national tobacco & nicotine control opportunities.

Mobilize youth to be a part of education, advocacy, and policy efforts.

Encourage youth participation in TFRI workgroups and Steering Committee.

Click here to learn about TFRI's workgroups

Words of Wisdom



"Be as authentic as possible and don't be afraid to be confident. People want to hear your story and why you care. You may face some backlash, but the people who matter most will support you and want to hear what you have to say."

-Kennedy Chartier, Woonsocket Ambassador 2019-2020

"As the face of such a prestigious organization, take pride in what you do and engage the community. TFRI introduces you to a different aspect of life, especially advocacy. So use your voice and make us proud.

-Armina Parvaresh Rizi, Lincoln Ambassador 2020-2021

"Don't be afraid to try something new; when I first started, I didn't know much

about the world of intervention and advocacy, but now I can't imagine a world without it!"

-Emily Jedson, West Greenwich Ambassador 2019-2021

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