

YOUTH SUMMIT 2015

WHO'S WHO?

At Your Program

Site Mentors



Youth Ambassadors 5-6 per a program



Topic Expert



Summit Day Coordination

Youth Council Member



Council Coaches



Agency Support Committee (ASC)



Site Mentors- one staff per program will act as a guide and mentor to Youth Ambassadors. Mentors will attend the Summit Kick-Off and the Youth Summit. Most work is done at program site with the youth.

Youth Ambassadors- a group of 5-6 high school aged, middle school aged or older youth will choose and research a topic of concern, develop solutions-based strategies, carry out a project based on these strategies and present on their project to other youth at the Summit.

Topic Expert- **NEW** This year we hope to provide interested programs with an expert on their chosen topic. Experts might be internal GSS staff, or they might be external. If programs know an Expert, they are welcome to bring that person in for guidance. The Topic Expert will meet with the group in the early stages of project development and again towards the end of the project. Experts can come more often if the program wishes and it can be scheduled. Hopefully these Experts can impart some wisdom and great ideas to help the Ambassadors become fully versed in their chosen topic and develop their project.

Youth Council Member- one youth from each high school aged program will be chosen by their peers to serve on the Coordinating Council. The Youth Council member will plan all aspects of the Summit including scheduling, activities and logistical arrangements. They will meet at 7th Avenue every Friday until the Summit.

Council Coaches- this small group of staff will provide guidance and tender-loving care to the members of the Coordinating Council and will help with planning and dissemination of information to Mentors & Directors.

Agency Support Committee (ASC)- small group of staff from various programs who work behind the scenes on conference details like budgeting and location to ensure the Summit's success. If we want something, we "ask" them!

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WHAT'S WHAT?

The Friday Coordinating Council Meetings

What Meetings that bring together the Youth Council Members to work on planning and preparing for the Summit.

When every Friday between February 13 and May 22, and the Thursday before the Summit for Tech Rehearsal. (We will not meet during mid-winter or spring recess: February 20, April 3, & April 10). Meetings are from 3:30pm – 6pm.

Where Good Shepherd Services Headquarters
305 7th Avenue, Between 27th and 28th Streets
20th Floor Conferenced Room and Computer Lab

Who Youth Council Members and Council Coaches.
Council Coaches this year include Lan, Clara, Preston and Alecia.

Absences Being absent, late or leaving early without informing Coaches is not acceptable. Excessive instances will bring your ongoing participation under review. We hate to do that, so please be on time for all scheduled meetings. We can't build this awesome Summit without you!!

The Youth Ambassador *and* Youth Council Member

Even though Youth Council Members have a BIG job in planning the Youth Summit, they still serve as Youth Ambassadors at their own site. Yup, they're planning and implementing site projects and planning and implementing the Youth Summit!



The Projects This year, we are expecting all participating programs to engage in a service learning project. Youth Ambassadors will choose a topic that impacts their school/community, research the topic, plan and execute a service learning project based on this research and then present on their experiences and/or findings at the Youth Summit. The topic and project can take on many forms. As long as the process involves planning, execution, and reflection on the part of the Youth Ambassadors, they have engaged in a service learning experience.

The Youth Summit May 15

Everyone's hard work and effort leads up to this exciting day. All Ambassador Teams from each program will gather to share what they have learned and to tell us all about the amazing project that they undertook. The Youth Summit is what we've been working so hard for, so pat yourselves on the back for making this dream a reality.

