

Peer Educator Program 2014-2015

Who we are:

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) is the largest reproductive health care and sexuality education provider and advocate in northern New England. Founded in 1965, PPNNE is now seeing patients at 21 locations across Vermont, New Hampshire, and southern Maine. Our mission is to provide, promote, and protect access to reproductive health care and sexuality education so that all people can make voluntary choices about their reproductive and sexual health.

Our Goal:

To empower high school students with accurate, factual reproductive and sexual health knowledge to benefit themselves, their peers and the community.

What Peer Educators Do:

- Act as a resource by sharing information with friends, peers and family.
- Listen without judgment.
- Provide accurate, factual reproductive and sexual health education.
- Refer others to community resources when appropriate.
- Plan and participate in sexual health educational activities.
- Complete 40-hour Peer Educator training and attend regular meetings.

To be a Peer Educator you must:

- Attend a Manchester High School.
- Have an interest in providing accurate sexual health information to others.
- Be able to balance school work and other activities and commitments.
- Commit to attending training sessions twice a week and regular meetings after completion of training.
- Attend a mandatory planning retreat one Saturday in January.
- Respect diverse opinions, beliefs and values.
- Maintain confidentiality of personal information.
- Be able to make a one-year commitment to the program.
- Have parent/guardian permission and the ability to arrange your own transportation.

Why Be a Peer Educator?

- You are interested in sexuality education.
- You want to be part of the conversation about sexual health.
- It's great experience (for work, college, life)!
- You'll develop leadership, advocacy and presentation skills.
- You want to help your peers make healthy decisions.
- It's fun and you'll complete volunteer hours!

Peer Educator Program Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your age: _____ Grade you are in right now: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Do you check your email regularly? _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Please respond to the following questions/scenarios. We want to know what you think!

1. Why do you want to be a Peer Educator and what do you hope to contribute to the group?
2. We'd like to know a little bit about you. How would you describe yourself? What do you enjoy?
3. Being a Peer Educator is a big time commitment. Please tell us about what other activities you are involved in and how you plan to make time for this program in your schedule.

4. Describe yourself in a group. In every group, there are leaders who talk a lot, jokers who want to have a lot of fun, people who are really serious, people who have great ideas but want to wait to see what other people say first and many others. What are you like in a group?

5. Tell us about a time you helped a friend or peer with a problem. What did you do/say that was helpful to them? How did it feel to help them? Was there anything that happened that you wish you'd done/said differently?

Please indicate on the chart below the days and times that you would regularly be available to attend training (January- May/June). Attendance at all training sessions is important and we will try to accommodate individual schedules as we are able. Think about sports, clubs, work and other activities. Please check the boxes when you would be able to attend training, including having transportation to and from meetings; we will meet less than 6 hours per week (so check as many boxes as you can, but know that we will definitely not be meeting all of these times!).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning (10a-12:30p)						
Early afternoon (12:30-3p)						
Late Afternoon (4-6:30p)						
Evening (6-8:30p)						

Personal reference

In order for us to learn more about you, please think of an adult professional with whom you interact regularly who could act as a reference for you. A teacher, school counselor, coach, or a community organization leader would be great! (This should not be a parent, guardian, or family friend.) We will contact them once we've had a chance to review your application and meet with you. Be sure to let that person know you've listed them as a reference for this program and that we'll be contacting them!

Name of reference: _____

Their position & organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission

Your child is applying for a position as a Peer Educator at Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. A longer information letter about the program was included with this application and is posted on our website at www.ppnne.org. We invite you to review it and contact us if you have any questions.

I hereby allow my son/daughter/minor, for whom I am the guardian, to apply for and if selected participate in Planned Parenthood of Northern New England's Peer Educator Program and allow PPNNE to contact them at the phone number and/or email address provided. I understand his/her services are being offered on a voluntary basis without anticipation of financial remuneration and I shall indemnify and hold harmless PPNNE from and against all claims, demands, losses, or liability or against any kind of nature of possibly injury incurred during his/her volunteer services. I also consent to emergency medical treatment for my child and will assume all medical cost.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by

December 19th:

Return to:

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