



2017 Teens Care Too Student YADAPP Application-Due May 1, 2017

What is YADAPP?

YADAPP is an annual summer leadership conference empowering teens to keep their schools and communities alcohol and drug-free by taking positive peer leadership roles. The conference takes place at Longwood University July 17-21, 2017.

Hanover Cares/Teens Care Too will select 7 rising ninth through twelfth grade students from Hanover County to form 2 four-member teams. A current Teens Care Too member will be joining one of the teams. If selected, you must be available to attend the entire conference. In addition, you are committing to being a part of Teens Care Too for the upcoming school year. You can learn more about YADAPP at: www.yadapp.com

Please complete the application below in blue or black ink.

Student name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent name(s): _____

Parent phone numbers: _____

1. YADAPP is a peer-leadership conference, which empowers participants to address substance abuse issues in their own communities. Why do you wish to attend the conference?

2. Hanover Cares' expectation is that you will return energized and excited with a deep commitment to making a difference in Hanover County. What do you feel are the top three substance abuse issues facing teens in Hanover County and why?

3. A strategic plan will be created at the YADAPP conference that you will implement once you return home. This will be the plan you and your team develop to encourage your peers to make good decisions about drugs and alcohol. Do you have any special traits or abilities that will help you be a part of the team?

4. Hanover Cares' expectation is that you commit to be drug and alcohol-free. What is your personal reason for being drug and alcohol-free?

5. Maximizing the YADAPP experience requires a significant time commitment. After attending the conference from July 17-21, 2017, you will also be committing to join Teens Care Too for the upcoming 2017-18 academic year. This additional time commitment is about 4-5 hours a month which includes a monthly meeting. Currently the meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 pm- 8:30pm with members holding leadership positions arriving at 6:30pm. Tell us a little bit about your willingness and availability to make that commitment. What extracurricular activities do you participate in (doesn't have to be school related)?

Along with the application, please provide two Community Leader Recommendations. The recommendations should come from a local community leader (i.e. teacher, scout leader, coach, pastor, employer). Please take the time to explain to them a little bit about YADAPP. Then ask them to complete the Community Leader Recommendation and write a brief statement explaining why they believe you would be a good candidate for the conference.

Please include the Recommendations along with your application to:

**Hanover Cares
12300 Washington Hwy.
Ashland, VA 23005**

**Or you can Scan and email the documents to larobertson@hanovercounty.gov
The application can be completed online at www.hanover-cares.org/yadapp.html**

Application and references are due May 1, 2017

If you have questions, visit our website at www.hanover-cares.org

Or contact Laura Robertson email:larobertson@hanovercounty.gov Phone: 804-365-6621

Or Maureen Earley email:mbearley@hanovercounty.gov Phone: 804-292-4097

Additional Information

Interview Information:

If selected, you will be invited to participate in a group interview process. We understand that interviews can be intimidating so we do our best to make everyone feel comfortable and welcome. Our applicants last year loved the group process and said that once they left the interview, they knew that Teens Care Too would be a fun group of teens to work with!

If selected for an interview, we will notify candidates by May 9th. The **tentative** interview date and time is Wednesday, May 17th from 6:30-8:30 pm. We will confirm this as well as location, you if selected for the interview process.

Since it is a competitive process to attend YADAPP, we strongly encourage you to attend the group interview when scheduled. We do understand that scheduling conflicts occur, but at this time we can't guarantee alternate dates for interviews.

Those selected to participate will be announced by May 24th. We will include those chosen for the YADAPP conference as well as participation in Teens Care Too.

Requirements of YADAPP Attendance:

- Prior to attending YADAPP in July, there will be **2-3 meetings** to meet other attendees that will be going to the conference. You will also begin the planning process that will then be continued at YADAPP. This time will also be used for leadership training and meeting last year's Teens Care Too members. We will all work together on the project so it's important for everyone to know one another.
- After attending YADAPP, your commitment is not yet complete! You must make a year-long commitment to be a member of **Teens Care Too**. The group meets on a monthly basis. Currently (2017), the meeting time is the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00pm-8:30pm with co-chairs, the secretary and historian meeting at 6:30pm. Meetings are held at Atlee Community Services Board office at 9734 Atlee Commons Drive, Ashland, VA 23005. (This is off of Sliding Hill Rd. near the Primrose School.)
- With being a member of Teens Care Too, you will receive leadership training and factual information on alcohol and other drugs so that you can become an expert on these topics!
- You will also have the opportunity to volunteer at events with Hanover Cares throughout the year.

What things did Teens Care Too do last year?

- We completed an **environmental scan** of high school football games. We went to each high school during a football game and scanned the environment looking for "no smoking" and "drug/alcohol free area" signage. We watched attendees to see if there was any cigarette or e-cigarette use inside or outside the stadium. We noted if drink containers were allowed in to the facility. We also talked to the high school principals about the current policies.
- We developed a program called "**Hidden in Plain Sight**." This event allowed parents to come "snoop" in a replicated teen's bedroom and look for signs and symptoms of alcohol or drug use. Because this event was such a huge success, we will be continuing to host this program throughout the year!
- We are currently working on a **card game** to be used by kids and their families to educate them about the dangers of drug and alcohol use, addiction and how to stay healthy.



2017 Hanover Cares/YADAPP Community Leader Recommendation

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Community Leader: _____

Community Leader Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Scale: 5=superior 4=above average 3=average 2=below average 1=poor

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_____ Responsibility

_____ Enthusiasm

_____ Peer leadership potential

_____ Good time management skills

_____ Flexibility

_____ Maturity

_____ Open-mindedness

_____ Positive attitude

Additional Comments:

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