



Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition

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OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS OF SOUTH TEXAS

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YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM

The UNIDAD (Uniting Neighbors In Drug Abuse Defense) Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition (TPCC) is funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The mission of the UNIDAD TPCC is to promote and advocate for a tobacco-free environment by empowering communities to affect individual and social change through cooperation, sharing and coordination of resources focused on preventing and reducing the illegal and harmful use of tobacco products in communities in Hidalgo County.

Recent efforts to include youth in education, prevention and alternative activities have proven to demonstrate the important role they play in policy change, norms, influences, and educational practices.

Under the supervision of the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition staff, youth leadership skills will be developed through this educational opportunity to promote a tobacco-free and healthier community in Hidalgo County.

The TPCC Youth Group is open to Hidalgo County middle- and high-school students **12 to 17 years old**. Parental consent is necessary to allow their youth to participate in tobacco prevention activities, which include transportation and traveling within Hidalgo County, as well as out of county summits and yearly conferences. All youth activities are supervised and chaperoned by TPCC staff and/or adult coalition members. Any adult participating in activities which involve supervising minors will be subject to criminal background checks.

Additionally, participation in the TPCC Youth Group Program should not interfere with any other extra-curricular activity or UIL activity the youth is already involved in or participating in their school. This program is a volunteer community involvement activity that will allow students to earn community hours, which is great résumé building for college and/or scholarship applications.

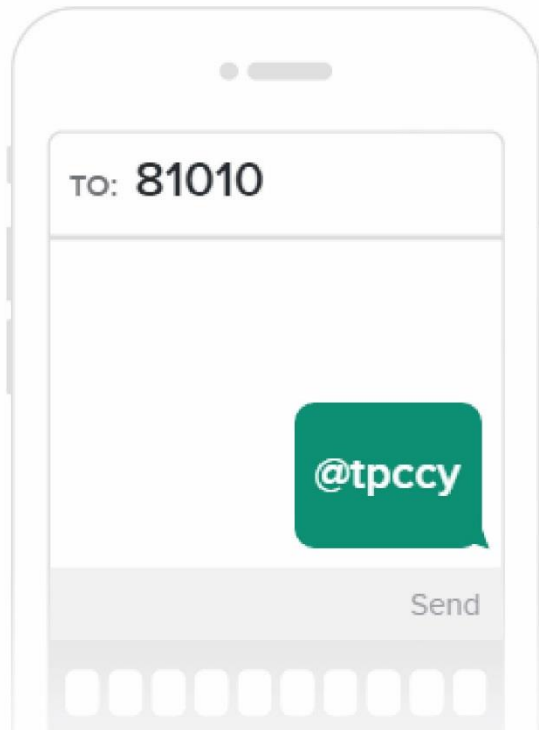
Media Consent forms will be required to be signed by a parent or legal guardian to enable Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas to utilize media inclusive but not limited to photos, audio, and video participation for the purposes of advertisements related to tobacco education, prevention and intervention. Any expenses incurred with the youth's participation in the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas TPCC Youth Group Program will be covered by Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas.

Registration fees, as well as travel expenses for any Youth Summit or Youth Conference, will be paid in full by Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas. No expenses will be incurred by the youth volunteer.

Volunteer Logs will be kept by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition to document the youth's participation in the group. Youth may use the volunteer logs as proof that they are involved in community service activities. Such volunteer opportunities are great to include with scholarship and college admission applications. These logs will be provided by our Volunteer Specialist every September or upon request.

For questions or further information, parents and youth are welcome to contact our Volunteer Specialist, Yolanda Guzman at (956) 787-0004 Ext 19 or by email at yguzman@bhsst.org.

Use **remind**¹⁰¹ to keep up-to-date with TPCC!



1 Send your text to 81010

81010 is the Remind short code we created so people can join your class without seeing your personal information.

[81010 not working?](#)

2 Text the message @tpccy

This is the class code for TPCC Youth Program. People can always use tpccy to join this class.

Other ways to join:

You have the option to receive messages via the app, text, email, or all three.

• Download the app

- 1) Download the app from the iTunes app store or the Google Play store.
- 2) After creating an account you will be prompted to join your first class. Enter “@tpccy”.

• Sign up via email

- 1) Send a blank email to: tpccy@mail.remind.com.

NOTE: If you are new to Remind, the first text you receive we will ask you for your full name. This is the name the Volunteer Specialist will see under his or her participant list. If you have used Remind in the past, your name is automatically saved as whatever was submitted previously.



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YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GRADE: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____ CITY OF SCHOOL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE (include area code): _____

What time of day can you be reached most easily? _____

List the community and school activities that you are involved in. (Examples - volunteer positions, clubs, church groups, sports, school clubs, etc.)

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

PHONE (include area code): _____ Email: _____

The execution of this Youth Application by Youth Member and Youth's Parent or Legal Guardian will allow for an ongoing relationship between the Youth Member and TPCC staff.

This agreement is effective from **September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018** between the TPCC Youth Member below and the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas. The agreement may be terminated at any time by either party.

Youth Group Participant (PRINT)

Parent / Legal Guardian (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE

Yolanda R. Guzman
TPCC Volunteer Specialist

Date



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Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas Media Consent Form

I, _____ (PARENT/GUARDIAN – PRINT NAME) hereby give consent to the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas (BHSST) and/or programs provided by the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas to utilize media inclusive but not limited to photos, audio, and video my son/daughter participates in for purposes of advertisements related to substance abuse education, prevention, and intervention.

I understand the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas is not liable or responsible for any accuracy in content and representation. My involvement in any media project is strictly voluntary and does not guarantee inclusion of final media products.

I hereby grant the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas and/or programs of the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas all rights including sole and exclusive rights to edit, copy, publish, sell and distribute media my son/daughter has participated in, together with all renewals and extensions, in all languages throughout the world without entitlement to any royalties as a contribution for the public good and the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

I further understand and agree to the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas publicizing media my son/daughter participated in on websites, in print, and other media avenues as deemed appropriate by the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

Youth Group Participant (PRINT)

Date

Youth Group Participant (SIGNATURE)

Parent / Legal Guardian (PRINT)

Date

Parent / Legal Guardian (SIGNATURE)

TPCC Staff on Behalf of BHSST (SIGNATURE)

Date



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TPCC Youth Group Code of Conduct and Dress Code

While participating in events, activities or meetings, TPCC Youth Group members shall:

1. Respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others.
2. Avoid displays of overly affectionate behavior.
3. Not participate in obscene and/or discriminatory language or roughhousing.
4. Not be insubordinate to staff, adult volunteers or the leader in charge of the activity.
5. Not possess or use weapons, alcoholic beverages, tobacco (including e-cigarettes and/or vaporizers) and/or illegal drugs at any event, activity, or meeting, or remain in the presence of individuals who possess or use these items.
6. Abide by all rules of the attended event, activity, or meeting.
7. Participate in activities to the best of his or her ability.
8. Notify a staff person if he or she has concerns or medical needs during any activity.
9. Not engage in conversations or activities that are sexual in nature.
10. Not leave the event site(s) without permission from staff, an adult volunteer or parent/guardian.
11. Pay any costs related to damage or destruction of property that he or she incurs, including any property damage to other TPCC Youth Group participants or to third parties. Such costs will be charged to the youth participant and/or their parent(s).
12. Attire should never be suggestive or indecent (tops and bottoms should not reveal any undergarments or reveal any parts of the anatomy usually covered by undergarments while engaged in normal activity).
13. Clothing may not advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other prohibited substance. Clothing may not depict bombs, weapons, or illegal act. Clothing may not depict gangs or signify membership in a gang.

Disciplinary Action:

Violation of this agreement will be considered grounds for:

- Dismissal from the event, activity or meeting.
- Barring from participating in all future TPCC activities and events.
- Being held responsible for the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage/destruction of property.

TPCC Staff will notify parents/guardians of any actions taken.

By my signature below, I acknowledge receipt of this document and acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines in this document. I am aware that if I violate the agreement, the staff may, at their sole discretion, terminate my participation, and my parent/guardian will be contacted and required to provide me with transportation home at their own expense from where the activity is being held.

Youth Group Participant (PRINT)

Date

Youth Group Participant (SIGNATURE)

Parent / Legal Guardian (PRINT)

Date

Parent / Legal Guardian (SIGNATURE)

For Office Use Only:

Orientation Completed: _____ Membership List (Excel): _____

Remind 101 App: _____ Email Group List: _____