



March 22nd, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The California Health Collaborative's Performing Above the High (PATH) Project will be hosting its 7th annual, Youth Empowerment Summit from June 19 to June 22, 2018 at Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center in Three Rivers, CA. There will 30 youth leaders from communities throughout Fresno County who will be selected to attend this Summit in representation of their communities and schools. Selected youth will also form the PATH Project's 2018 Youth Advisory Board, tasked with working on marijuana prevention efforts at the county level for the 2018-2019 school year.

At this summit, youth will be trained on a variety of leadership topics including public speaking, advocacy, and community building. Additionally, this year's youth will work on a signature project that will be completed by the end of the Summit.

This is an exciting opportunity for youth within Fresno County who have a desire to take an active part in preventing drug use in their community. All selected youth will attend the summit free of charge. There will be absolutely no cost to parents for their youth's participation in the Summit. To be entered into the revision process for possible selection, you and your youth must fill out the enclosed applications.

The **deadline** to submit an application is **May 25th, 2018**. Your child will be notified of the acceptance or denial of their application, no later than May 25, 2018.

The staff at the Performing Above the High Project are looking forward to reviewing your youth's application and is excited at the opportunity this will create to better involve youth in marijuana prevention efforts throughout Fresno County.

If you should have any additional questions, comments, or concerns, please free to contact me by phone at (559) 244-4526 or by email at dlopez@healthcollaborative.org.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Daisy Lopez'.

Daisy Lopez
Project Director
California Health Collaborative
Phone: (559) 244-4526



2018 Youth Empowerment Summit
June 19- June 22, 2018
Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center
Three Rivers, California

**THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED BY EVERY PARTICIPANT,
FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO PATH STAFF, NO LATER THAN MAY 4, 2018 FOR
PROCESSING.**

General Information:

Student Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____ Parent/Other Cell: _____

Transportation: (Please check the following and fill out the applicable information)

Student will be traveling to the Summit by Parent Car PATH Sponsored Charter Bus

A PATH Sponsored Charter Bus will be picking up students from the California Health Collaborative in Fresno, CA the morning of June 19 and the afternoon of June 22nd. Parents will need to make arrangements to pick up/drop off youth at the California Health Collaborative or make arrangements for their child to be picked up by PATH Staff. A second drop off location may be added at a later time.

Please indicate your preference:

I will drop off my youth at the California Health Collaborative

I will be dropping my youth off at Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center

PATH will need to pick up my youth

If someone will be dropping your youth off at Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center, please fill out the following:

Name of individual transporting Participant to Summit: _____

Relationship to Youth: _____ Phone Number: _____



Honor Code:

I, _____, promise to uphold the following Youth Empowerment Summit rules for the duration of my stay at Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center.

I understand that by signing this form, I am expected to abide by the following rules:

- Curfew is 11:00 PM unless otherwise stated.
- No drugs, tobacco or alcohol are allowed at the center or anywhere at any time.
- Attendance at all lectures/activities is mandatory, unless otherwise stated.
- Students must remain on the Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center at all times, except when accompanied by your Counselor, designated free time and any off-site activities.

Ultimately I, _____ am responsible for my own welfare, but students who break the rules will be asked to leave the conference. My parents and I will be responsible for securing my own transportation home at our own expense if I break any of the above rules.

Signature of Student/Participant

Parent Signature

Medical:

I, _____, (parent or legal guardians) give permission for _____ to attend the 2018 Youth Empowerment Summit from June 19 to June 22, 2018 at Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center in Three Rivers, CA. I also authorize any medical treatment in case of an emergency. Furthermore, I will not hold the California Health Collaborative, Performing Above the High Project, Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health, and/or Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center, their employees, or agents responsible for any injury or sickness my child may incur during this program.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Name of Health Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____ Group Number: _____

Please list any medical or physical conditions and/or medications being taken that we should be aware of (e.g., allergies, asthma, and heart conditions):

I have verified that my son/daughter/myself is covered under the indicated medical insurance.



Special Needs:

Dietary Needs: _____

Medication: _____

Allergies: _____

In Case of Emergency (other than Parent/Guardian):

First Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact telephone number: _____

Second Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Number: _____

Media Release Form:

CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH, AUDIO, OR VIDEOTAPE A STUDENT FOR NON-PROFIT USE

(e.g. Educational, public service, or health awareness purposes)

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

I hereby consent to the participation in interviews, the use of quotes, and the taking of photographs, audio or video of the Student named above by the California Health Collaborative Performing Above the High Project.

I also grant to the right to edit, use, and reuse said products for non-profit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media. I also hereby release the California Health Collaborative, the Performing Above the High Project, and its agents and employees from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent Final Consent:

I, _____, Legal Parent/Guardian of _____ have reviewed this application and agree to my child's participation in this year's Youth Empowerment Summit 2018 hosted by the California Health Collaborative.

Parent Signature

Date



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What is the PATH Project?

The Performing Above the High (PATH) Project is a countywide marijuana prevention program tasked with reducing marijuana use among 10-25 year olds throughout Fresno County.

What is the Youth Empowerment Summit?

- The Youth Empowerment Summit is a 4-day camp which includes:
 - ⇒ Leadership and Substance Abuse Prevention Workshops
 - ⇒ Team Building and Exciting Empowerment activities
 - ⇒ Participation in a group Signature Project



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What will I get from this experience?

- Experience working with a nonprofit team of individuals
- Training on leadership and advocacy skills
- Sharpen public speaking and communication skills
- Increase knowledge of current marijuana and other drug issues
- Network with other teen advocates from around the County

What would my commitment to PATH be after the Youth Empowerment Summit?

- Serve a one year commitment on the PATH Countywide Youth Advisory Board
 - Attend monthly teleconferences/web meetings
 - Help plan countywide activities and campaigns
- Stay in communication with PATH via email, phone, and web.

Applicants must be:

- Entering the 9th-12th grade during the 2018-2019 school year and be in good academic standing.
- Able to serve on the Countywide PATH Youth Advisory Board.
- Able to check email or social networking sites at least once a week.
- Able to express confidence in sharing their ideas and have a willingness to speak up.

How do I apply?

- Fill out both the Youth Empowerment Summit Application and Youth Essay form by May 4, 2018.
- Send completed applications to Dulce Velazquez by email at dvelazquez@healthcollaborative.org or by mail to

California Health Collaborative- PATH Project
Attn: Dulce Velazquez
1680 W. Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93711



2018 Youth Empowerment Summit

June 19, 2018- June 22, 2018

Youth Essay Questions: (If you need more space, add additional pages)

1. How did you hear about the PATH Project's Youth Empowerment Summit?

2. Have you attended any of PATH's events, activities or presentations? YES NO
If yes, which events, activities or presentations have you attended?

3. Are you currently a member of a local group working on drug or any other health-related issues? YES NO If yes, name of group: _____
Focus of group: _____

4. Tell us about yourself. What are your interests and goals?

5. Tell us why you would be a great youth leader to represent your school campus?

6. What concerns you the most about young people using marijuana or other drugs?

7. If you could change anything about your community, what would it be and how?
