

CORNER HOUSE

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March 8, 2010

Dear Student:

The **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**, sponsored by Corner House and the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance, is a **peer leadership program** for high school **students in their junior year** from Princeton area public and private high schools. The TAG team develops substance awareness workshops and presents them to students and parents throughout the Princeton community. Participation in this program offers worthwhile opportunities to participants.

TAG IS NOW SELECTING STUDENT LEADERS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are looking for a diverse group of energetic and committed individuals who will make a unique contribution to this program. To apply, you must currently be a high school sophomore attending Princeton High School, The Hun School, Princeton Day School, or Stuart Country Day School.

Selected TAG leaders are required to:

- 1) **Attend weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings** during the school year,
- 2) **Attend periodic workshops & meetings** throughout the school year (days and evenings),
- 3) **Attend a mandatory 3 day/2night student leadership retreat *August 10-12, 2010*,**
- 4) **Sign a pledge to be alcohol, tobacco & drug free while a TAG leader**, demonstrating the commitment to be positive, effective role models in their school and community.

If you are interested in joining this outstanding group, you will need to do the following:

- Complete and return the attached application by **5:00PM on April 9, 2010**
- Have your parents read and sign the Parent Form then return it with your application
- Attend the mandatory **Group Interview on April 20th from 6:45-9:15PM** at the Community Room, Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton

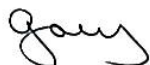
Completed Applications are due **April 9, 2010** by 5:00pm to the appropriate office:

- Princeton High: Main Office (receptionist desk)
- The Hun School: Ms. Schenk's Office
- Princeton Day School: Ms. Chalek's Office
- Stuart Day School: Ms. Goeke's Office
- Corner House: Reception Desk/Front Office

THE MANDATORY GROUP INTERVIEW IS BEING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 FROM 6:45-9:15PM.

Thank you for your interest in TAG! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 924-8018 or check out our website: **www.cornerhousenj.org**.

Sincerely,



Gary De Blasio
Executive Director



Jacquie Schreiber
TAG Advisor

Corner House Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Application 2010-2011

Name: _____ School: _____
Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
_____ Cell Phone: _____
_____ Email: _____

Please answer each of the following questions in the space provided on the back of this page OR you may type your answers on a separate sheet. (Use an additional sheet if you need more space.)

Please write clearly or type your responses.

1. Why do you want to be a TAG member and how do you see yourself growing as an individual from a TAG experience?
2. How would your peers describe you?
3. What personal experiences make you a good candidate for TAG?
4. Please describe a *creative* approach you would take to address a substance abuse issue at your school. Please also address why you think this is important.
5. Please list **ALL** time commitments and/or extracurricular activities in which you expect to be involved during the 2010-2011 academic year. Remember to include work obligations.

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Please make sure your parent/guardian reads and signs the Parent Form (also attached) then return the signed form with your completed application to one of the following locations no later than FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010:

Princeton High School – Main Office (reception desk)
The Hun School – Ms. Schenk’s Office
Princeton Day School – Ms. Chalek’s Office
Stuart Country Day School – Ms. Goeke’s Office
Corner House, 369 Witherspoon Street – Reception Desk/Front Office

If you have questions, please call Jacqui Schreiber, TAG Advisor, at 609-924-8018 ext. 1270

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THANK YOU!***

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Fall

Winter

Spring

PARENT FORM

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

A Program of Corner House & Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance (PADA)

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a **peer educator/leadership program** that trains 11th grade students from the Princeton area high schools in substance abuse awareness and prevention issues. There are 22 students on the TAG Team representing Princeton High School, Princeton Day School, The Hun School and Stuart Country Day School. Each TAG member signs a pledge stating they will not use alcohol, tobacco or drugs during their junior year.

TAG members meet one evening each week to learn about substance abuse & related issues and to develop student workshops, designed for students in grades 5-8, and parent workshops. The goals of students workshops include: to educate students about the dangers of substance use, to encourage students not to use, to teach refusal skills, and to encourage students to keep lines of communication open with their parents or other trusted adults.

The TAG team is a competitive peer leadership program. Last year we received seventy-five (75) applications for 22 spots. We strive to have a balanced group of students, diverse in many ways, including ethnicity, gender, ideas/beliefs, and past experiences. For additional information about TAG and Corner House please visit our website: www.cornerhousenj.org

The 2010-11 TAG application process consists of the following:

- All students submit a written TAG application **due by April 9, 2010**
- All students attend a mandatory Group Interview held on **April 20, 2010** at the Princeton Township Municipal Building
- After reviewing both individual applications and participation at the group interview, selected students will be asked to return for an individual interview
- The new TAG team is selected and all students are notified by mail by mid May 2010
- An information meeting for the new TAG team and their parents/guardians will be scheduled for early June.

Students selected to be members of the 2010-11 TAG team are required to make the following time commitments:

- Attend a mandatory 3 day/2 night Student Leadership retreat from **August 10-12, 2010**.
- Attend weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7-9PM. Students need to secure their own transportation to/from these weekly meetings. Meetings are held at the Princeton Township Municipal Building (400 Witherspoon Street).
- Attend approximately 10 workshops during the school year. Workshops are held during the school day or evening. If workshops are during school hours, schools are notified in advance and students are out of school for about an hour and a half.

Please sign below indicating that you have read this information and are aware of the commitments your child will make if s/he is selected to be a member of the 2010-11 TAG team. Please have your child return this signed form with their completed application.

Parent Name (please print)

Child's Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Date

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