North Pacific County Teen Advocacy Coalition

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The need to find ways to reach teens and youth in our communities with the objective of preventing crisis situations was presented.

Proposed project: To develop a group of teens, multiple students from each of our North Pacific County Schools, to be trained as peer advisors.  Training could include communication skills, information about suicide, depression, drugs and alcohol, information about resources for teens, and when to seek help.  The group of teens could make presentations at each of the schools so that their peers would recognize them as a safe place for advice/information.

Needs for this project include: training for the teens, transportation to training or school presentations, resource materials, and food for trainings and meetings.

It was decided that the scope of the project should depend on what teens would feel is beneficial and would be utilized by students.

It was decided that our first objective will be to develop and conduct a survey of the teen population in the Raymond, South Bend and Willapa Valley High Schools. Our intention is to provide an incentive, ie. pizza party, for the high school that has the most students complete the survey. Funding for the incentive will need to be found. The survey will be available as an internet-based link that can be passed around through Facebook, email and promoted through school newsletters. The survey will also be available in hard copy. A small group will meet to develop the survey; however, ideas for questions that should be included are requested from all. Kathy Spoor contacted Jewel Hardy from the ABC group to inquire about a survey they had conducted in the past, but found that it was directed at a younger age group.

**Partners:**

\*Present at the meeting

Students

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Jessica Jackson (Raymond)

Community Members

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