
BRAVEHEART TEEN INITIATIVE PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

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QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Age 15 – 25 years old.
2. 2.75 grade point average.
3. Ability to communicate well with peers.
4. Presentation Team: Comfortable speaking in front of groups.
5. Concern for the problems of area teens and willingness to motivate others to share this concern.
6. Willingness to learn independently as well as through training sessions.

ABSTINENCE COMPLIANCE:

The goal of BRAVEheart Teen Initiative is to equip teens, parents of teens and the community at large with information and emotional support to help teens resist the pressure to engage in sexual activity outside of marriage. It is our belief that sex is intended for a monogamous relationship inside the bonds of a marriage commitment. As such we expect all participants to value and strive for abstinence. Abstinence defined is merely the choice to withhold sexual activity until marriage.

The BRAVEheart Teen Initiative program seeks to meet the following standards:

- A. Our exclusive purpose is to teach the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity.
- B. We teach that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems.
- C. We teach that sexual activity outside the context of marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical effects.
- D. We believe that sex was created by God for a committed marriage relationship.

Because our program relies heavily on our teenage participants' commitment to leadership and encouragement of their peers, it is our expectation that all participants comply to this standard of abstinence. Inappropriate behavior is considered grounds for disciplinary actions.

LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT:

Knowing that God has spoken clearly in His Word concerning the character and responsibility of a leader, I do solemnly commit myself to do the following:

1. I will seek to maintain a close, intimate walk with the Lord by regularly spending time alone with Him in His Word and in prayer.
2. I will be a diligent student of the Bible.
3. I will endeavor to walk continually in the Spirit.
4. I will pray for those whom I will serve with, those whom I serve, and the BRAVEheart Ministry.
5. I will refrain from expressing negative attitudes through criticism and complaint. Instead I will be positive and encouraging, endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.
6. I will always treat adults with dignity and respect.
7. I will maintain an open and teachable attitude.
8. I will dress in a modest manner when I am participating in a BRAVEheart event, in and out of the BRAVEheart office. (No bare stomachs, short shorts, low necklines, etc.) When going out into the public for events, I will represent BRAVEheart by wearing my BRAVEheart polo.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Participate in all training sessions, in-service training, and independent study. Perform homework assignments, have regular attendance, and participate fully in activities of training.
2. Present information to schools, church groups, workshops, and other organizations requesting the program.
3. Act as a community outreach worker, informing teenagers by providing accurate information in an informal manner through daily association with peers.
4. Maintain records relating to work accomplished.
5. Submit quarterly reports to Program Coordinator or Program Director.
6. Attend group meetings as scheduled. Notify BRAVEheart Program Coordinator or Program Director of reason why you must miss a scheduled meeting or event BEFORE the absence is to occur.

CRITERIA FOR DISMISSAL FROM PROGRAM:

1. Inappropriate behavior will NOT be permitted. This includes disruption, swearing, fighting, alcohol use, tobacco use, drug use, pregnancy, fathering a child, etc. Meeting between the participant and the Program Coordinator or Program Director should take place no more than two times for disciplinary reasons.
2. There will be an automatic dismissal from the program if the student is found to have violated the trust of his peers by breach of confidentiality.
3. Refusal to comply with instructions given by the Program Coordinator or Program Director or with Criteria stated in this document. This includes RESPONSIBILITIES, QUALIFICATIONS, LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT, and ABSTINENCE COMPLIANCE.
4. Poor attendance to team meetings, practices (Presentation Team), training, and BRAVEheart events. Your participation is expected.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to all relative conditions and standards specified by federal law, Children and Youth Coordinating Council, Crisis Pregnancy Center of Coastal Georgia and BRAVEheart Teen Initiative and do certify that all will be followed.

Program Participant

Date

Participant's Legal Guardian (when participant is under 18 years of age)

Date

BRAVEheart Program Staff

Date