



Purpose: Rise Above Colorado, an expansion of the Colorado Meth Project, is recruiting for its statewide Teen Action Council, which provides the teen perspective on healthy alternatives to drug misuse and helps spread the Rise Above message throughout the state. The Teen Action Council aims to represent the geographic and personal diversity of youth across the state in order to support Rise Above Colorado in effectively reaching all youth with the information and skills to make healthy choices around drugs. The Teen Action Council is a key driver in Rise Above Colorado's mission and strategy and the organization depends on members' input, feedback, leadership, and inspiration throughout all efforts.

Time Commitment: Members will be required to attend a two day orientation in early June and quarterly in-person meetings throughout the year. All meetings will be held in Metro Denver and all travel expenses (e.g. lodging and gas mileage) will be reimbursed. Monthly meetings through web and/or telephone conferencing will be required in months when an in-person meeting is not scheduled. Each member will serve a minimum one-year term that will coincide with the 2017-2018 school year.

Training, Expectations, and Compensation: Teen Action Council members will be trained in informal and formal outreach and education strategies, including media literacy, facilitating lessons, and developing and promoting web-based media campaigns. Each member is expected to contribute to the Council's three primary strategies for 2017-18:

Capture: RAC TAC runs a Snapchat story and is contributing videos to the YouTube channel to compliment RAC's larger social media campaign #IRiseAbove. TAC is also encouraged to contribute to the #IRiseAbove and #LeadtheChangeCO campaigns through their own social media accounts

Educate: Rise Above has a number of prevention lessons that are designed for teens to facilitate in their own classes or clubs. Rise Above staff will train and support Councilmembers interested in contributing to their community in this way.

Educate: RAC TAC is launching a website in June at our orientation, which is a one-stop shop for information about drugs and rising above drug misuse that is for teens, by teens. The goal of the site is to provide resources and inspire connection in order to develop a safe online community that supports youth in living a healthy life on purpose. Keeping it fresh with new content and photos will be an on-going responsibility TAC members interested in working with Rise Above as a freelance writer.

Most in-person meetings will be a full-day training or meeting that builds council members' skills and an evening of team building or fun event. Rise Above Colorado will provide a stipend (\$10/hour) for all training and work sessions and will pay for all food and entertainment during the meeting and team building activities. Rise Above Colorado will also sign for community service hours for any hours contributed beyond the in-person meetings and team building activities. If you would prefer to use the meeting time as community service hours instead of receiving payment, please let us know.

Application Process: Teens will be selected through an application and interview process led by current TAC members. Youth currently in grades 6 through 11 are eligible and encouraged to apply. (Note that diversity is priority for TAC and therefore, school enrollment is not a requirement rather an easier way to identify age range for applicants.)

Applications must be received by mail, fax or email **no later than April 17th**. Interviews will be scheduled for the weeks of April 17th and 24th. Attached is an application to be completed in full. Guardian consent is required along with 1-2 letters of reference, approximately one page each. Teachers, coaches, school counselors, community and business leaders are all acceptable references. Only complete applications with 1-2 letters of reference will be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact us at amy@riseaboveco.org or call 303-962-1147. Applications should be sent to amy@riseaboveco.org or via fax to 303-438-5613. All applications sent via mail *must be received by April 17th* and may be sent to:

**Rise Above Colorado
11880 Upham Street, Suite F
Broomfield, CO 80020**

**Rise Above Colorado
Teen Action Council**

Application 2017-2018

Youth Information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Age: _____

Check which group you're interested in (one or both): Educate ____ Capture ____

Name of your school (if applicable): _____

Signature _____

Guardian Information:

Name of Guardian(s): _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Home phone: _____

Work or Cell: _____

Guardian's Email(s): _____

Guardian Signature: _____

3. What needs or opportunities do you see in your school or community for teen drug misuse prevention?

4. What ideas, if any, do you have to address these concerns?

5. What activities are you interested in? How long have you been interested or involved in these activities?

6. What strengths and contributions will you bring to Rise Above Colorado?

7. What are some of your favorite hobbies or ways to spend your free time?

8. Is there anything else you would like to share with us to support your application?