

# United Voices

Inspiring Teens and Advocating for Change

## **About United Voices**

United Voices is a Health leadership program for youth ages 14-17. This year our program will embark on building a peer education model. Were the youth of the program will take what they have learn and educate their peers. The youth will learn how to create workshop, social media campaign, and basic video editing skills all to promote healthy lifestyle choices among the youth of Brockton.

Our program will build on the youth natural leadership skills, give them the tools and knowledge about different health issue affecting youth and in turn, the youth will educate their peers and have FUN. **Our hope is to have 20 students enrolled for a successful program.**

**Some topics:** Relationships, Substance abuse, Teen Pregnancy, STDs, HIV/AIDS, violence prevention, self-care, diversity, community service, academic and professional development.

Meetings will include discussion groups, guest speakers, presentations and trips.

United Voices meets every **Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00** pm at the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, 63 Main St 5th floor, Brockton, Massachusetts during the school year.

## **Mission Statement**

In connection to the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center mission, United Voice wishes to provide the youth of the community with information about health and social issues that affect their community and empower the youth to want to make positive changes to their community and their lives.

## **Vision:**

United Voices vision is to inspire teens and help them advocate for change in their community.

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## Dear Parents and Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the United Voices program at Brockton Neighborhood Health Center. Please fill out this application form completely and return to **France Belizaire Augustave**, LICSW at BNHC, 63 Main Street, Brockton MA 02301. The program starts September 19, 2017 at 4pm. **Applications are due August 25, 2017**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

School and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cellular

**Emergency Contacts:** Please list in order of preference individuals we may contact in the event of an emergency

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Child \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Child \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Youth Medical Information

Any health problems we should know, medication, allergies or any activities youth should NOT engage in:

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Insurance name and ID # \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to my child participating in United Voices

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**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

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**Date**

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## Media Release Form

The United Voice Staff may be videotaping and taking photographs of the youth during the program. This documentation may be used in future brochures or posters as well as the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center website. This documentation may be used in presentations for the program.

To ensure your privacy, we would like your permission to include the youth in these photographs.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child does have permission for photographs to be used in future promotions or informational packages put together by the United Voice Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child does **not** have permission for photographs to be used in future promotions or informational packages put together by the United Voice Program.

**Parent/**

**Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Rules

### Attendance and Commitment

1. It is important that you are on time and ready to participate
2. We ask that no one arrive any later than 5:15.
3. If you need a cab to pick you up from home call 508-894-3348 the night before with your pick address and a cab will be sent to pick you up
4. You may bring a friend to a group, but they will need to complete an application to continue participating in-group.
5. Leave a message at 508-894-3348 if you will be missing group

### Group

1. Have a positive attitude
2. One person speaks at time, raise your hand
3. Pay attention
4. No vulgar language/ no swearing
5. No bullying, fighting, or hitting
6. No screaming/yelling
7. If you don't have anything nice to say don't say it at all
8. No PDA: no sitting on peoples laps, holding hands, kissing etc.
9. No cell phone or electronics after dinner
10. Clean up after yourself
11. Have FUN!!!

### 3 Strike Policy

1. Verbal warning\*\*\*\*
2. Verbal warning
3. Consequence decided based on the infraction

\*\*\*\*Phone will be taken away after first verbal warning and returned to you at the end of group.

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**United Voices youth applicant questions (must be answered by youth)**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your favorite color? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What skills should a leader have?

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5. Describe a time when you used these skills to be a leader.

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