



SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMMING

9:00 AM

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

OR

LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

ATTENDEES ARE REQUESTED TO SCHEDULE LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS ON THEIR OWN PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE START OF 10:00 AM. ACT MISSOURI WILL PROVIDE ADVOCACY TALKING POINTS FOR ATTENDEES. [FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR](#)

10:00 AM

WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

11:00 AM

PREVENT MODULE

LEARN ABOUT THE STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK AND HOW TO INFLUENCE THE BEHAVIOR OF TEENAGERS THROUGH UNIQUE APPROACHES THAT INCLUDE ASSESSING BEHAVIORS, IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS, AND EVALUATING OUTCOMES

12:00 PM

LUNCH

INCLUDED WITH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

12:30 PM

EDUCATE MODULE

DIVE INTO YOUTH HEALTH AND SAFETY TOPICS LIKE TRAFFIC SAFETY, VAPING, AND ALCOHOL USE. LEARN WHY YOUTH ENGAGE IN RISKY BEHAVIORS AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THOSE ACTIONS ON ONE'S FUTURE.

1:30 PM

ADVOCATE MODULE

BRING YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ALONG IN YOUR PREVENTION JOURNEY AS YOU ADVOCATE FOR CAUSES THAT MATTER TO YOU LOCALLY BY LEARNING STEPS TO AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY BOTH IN PERSON AND ONLINE.

2:45 PM

CLOSING & OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARDS

CELEBRATE THE DAY'S PROGRAM BY BRINGING ALL THE PIECES TOGETHER TO LEAD AN EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN AS YOU RETURN TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

CELEBRATE OUTSTANDING YOUTH IN PREVENTION BY NOMINATING AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT WHO HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUTH HEALTH AND SAFETY. [NOMINATE BY FEBRUARY 1](#)





ATTENDANCE LETTER OF SUPPORT

Request for Excusal from Class to Attend the 2024 Speak Hard Youth Rally

Dear School Leader,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to express my support for the attendance of your students who are eager to attend the 2024 Speak Hard Youth Rally. This conference focuses on crucial aspects of youth health and safety, limiting alcohol and drug use, and promoting traffic safety, aligning with our shared commitment to fostering responsible and informed citizens.

The Speak Hard Youth Rally provides a unique opportunity for youth to enhance their understanding of the issues surrounding substance use and traffic safety. The event's workshops and activities are designed to empower young leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to make positive choices and become advocates for a healthier, safer community.

We believe your students will benefit greatly from the insights gained at the Speak Hard Youth Rally, and the knowledge acquired can be shared with their peers to create a ripple effect of awareness within our school community. Attending this conference aligns with youth academic and personal development, and we are confident that their participation will contribute positively to our school's commitment to student well-being.

We kindly request your consideration in excusing students from their classes during the days of the Speak Hard Youth Rally, which will take place on Tuesday, February 27. We know these dedicated student leaders are committed to making up for any missed assignments and ensuring minimal disruption to their academic responsibilities.

Thank you for your time and understanding. We are more than happy to discuss this attendance at the 2024 Speak Hard Youth Rally further if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alicia Ozenberger'.

Alicia Ozenberger
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