The Webster County Substance Abuse Prevention Peer Education Program

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 **Drug Prevention group seeks new members**

SEATTLE-The Webster County Substance Abuse Prevention Peer Education Program will recruit eighteen teenagers to serve as peer educators.

Webster County peer educators address alcohol and drug concerns with Webster County youth. Members promote awareness through outreach and educational programs while serving as a resource for their peers. The group is made up of twenty teenagers in grades seventh through 12th who have never used drugs or have used and are in recovery.

Peer educators have met with the youth since 1990 and are credited with decreasing the county crime rate by 30 percent. Gov. Chris Gregoire said the group is one of the most impressive youth groups in Washington.

If interested in joining, teenagers must complete an application form by Friday Feb. 28. Applicants will be interviewed and training is provided for those chosen. Members serve a one-year term and must commit to attending evening meetings held the first and third Mondays of every month.

Qualified applicants must be from Webster County and interested in sharing their perspectives about substance abuse prevention. Teenagers from diverse cultures and ethnicities are encouraged to apply.

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Applications are online at [www.webster.wa.gov/youth-family/prevention.html](http://www.webster.wa.gov/youth-family/prevention.html). For more information, contact Angela McKinder at 360-397-2130 ext. 5841 or at Angela.McKinder@webster.wa.gov.

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