

WSA Parent Ambassador Peer Mentor 2012

What is the Parent Ambassador Peer Mentor Program?

The Parent Ambassador Peer Mentor Program is designed to showcase role models in the WSA Parent Ambassador program, represent WSA during assigned internal and external events such as WSA meetings & trainings, Advocacy Day, Parent Ambassador Graduation and other events & activities. The Peer Mentors will have a positive influence on current and future Parent Ambassadors as well as continuing to develop their own leadership capabilities.

What are the benefits to being a Peer Mentor?

- Enhance leadership skills
- Improve interpersonal and communication skills
- Input on events and activities planned for Parent Ambassadors
- Enhance your resume

What are the qualifications in order to be eligible?

- Successfully completed a previous Parent Ambassador program
- Excellent oral communication skills and poise in interacting with diverse populations
- Daily computer access
- Cell phone access
- Be flexible when unexpected situations arise and look for creative positive solutions to challenges
- Represent the Parent Ambassador program and WSA in a professional and positive manner
- Understand and exercise advocacy and mobilization

What are my obligations as a Peer Mentor?

- Commitment to the Peer Mentor Program for one year
- Mandatory participation at the four face-to-face PA trainings
- Participation in bi-weekly conference calls
- Participation in WSA meetings and Advocacy Day
- Help create a community of trust and collaboration
- Promote positive change for Parents and the WSA community
- Participate in Teach backs and other parent training
- Other duties as assigned.

What is the process of becoming a Peer Mentor?

Fill out the Peer Mentor application, email to Lori Pittman and CC Joel Ryan and Katy Warren. Your application will be reviewed and a phone interview **may** be scheduled. If it is decided to carry out phone interviews the interviews will be conducted by WSA Parent Ambassador Staff. Peer Mentor Applicants will be notified on December 20, 2011

Who can I contact if I have questions? Contact Lori Pittman, Parent Ambassador Project Manager at 425.917.7759 - 253.778.7759 - 253.306.9131 or lori@wsaheadstarteap.com

Peer Mentor Application

Please return this application to Lori Pittman, Parent Ambassador Program Manager by
December 7, 2011 by 5:00 pm.

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ texts: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please answer the following:

1. Please share what you brought to the PA program in the first place?
2. Why are you interested in being a peer mentor?
3. What are some of the qualities and strengths you have that would make you a successful peer mentor?
4. Where do you feel your weakness's are as a leader? How will you address/overcome these if you are accepted as a peer mentor?
5. What skills would you like to grow or enhance and what skills would you like to gain from this opportunity?
6. Based on your Parent Ambassador experience, what advice would you give new Parent Ambassadors to ensure their experience is good and effective?
7. How will you utilize your Parent Ambassador experiences thus far to help teach and mentor new Parent Ambassadors?
8. How does the peer mentor position fit your personal goals?
9. Did you attend all face to face trainings during your year as a PA? Did you also attend the Wellstone Training?
10. Please rate your participation in:

Conf call participation 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
5 = Every call 1=Minimal participation

Comments:

Teach-back participation

5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
5 = Multiple presentations/ trainings 1 = No presentations/trainings to other parents

Comments:

Legislative Advocacy

5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
5 = Emails, letters, testified etc... 1 = Minimal participation

Comments:

Overall Program participation: 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
5 = High 1 = minimal

Comments:

11. Please tell us about your personal and professional growth while participating as an Ambassador.

12. Why do you think people live in poverty?

13. Please list all of the commitments you have planned for the coming year including an estimate of how many hours per week you will spend on each activity. Please include your employment or education as well as other commitments you have.

I have read and understand the expectations of the Peer Mentor position and am willing to carry out those responsibilities if I am selected.

Signature

Date

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