

Get Your YAC On!

Starting on Monday, September 7, the Council on Drug Abuse is opening up applications for the ONTARIO Youth Advisory Council (YAC). The CODA YAC is a group of Canadian students from all over Canada who have a shared passion to reduce and prevent substance abuse in their schools, communities and among their friends.

Composed of regional youth representatives from each and every administrative region across Canada, the YAC will see the gathering of 104 Canadian youth leaders interacting and engaging with each other to prevent youth substance abuse in Canada. The YAC also helps bridge the gap between youth and adults by twinning a regional CODA educator with each of the regional YACs.

In September 2008, CODA will launch its ONTARIO YAC. There will be 16 regional YAC representatives, one for every region in Ontario. All Ontario secondary school students across the province are invited to apply for this experience of a lifetime.

In celebration of National Drug Awareness Week, which happens every year in the third week of November, YACers from all over Canada will gather for a conference. The first YAC conference will take place in Toronto in November 2009. At this conference, you will meet all other YACers, share experiences and learn from each other about youth drug abuse and what you can do to prevent it in your communities.

Want to get your YAC on?!

To join the CODA YAC, you must first apply and be accepted. To apply, you need to send CODA a complete application package. Your package must include:

1. CODA YAC application form
2. Cover letter
3. Two reference letters (teacher, sports coach, school principal, guidance counsellor, etc.)
4. Parental consent form (for youth less than 18 years of age)

There is NO APPLICATION FEE or MEMBERSHIP FEE.

For an application package, please e-mail our Programs Manager, Asma Fakhri: asma@drugabuse.ca

GOOD LUCK!