



Teen Council – Information Sheet

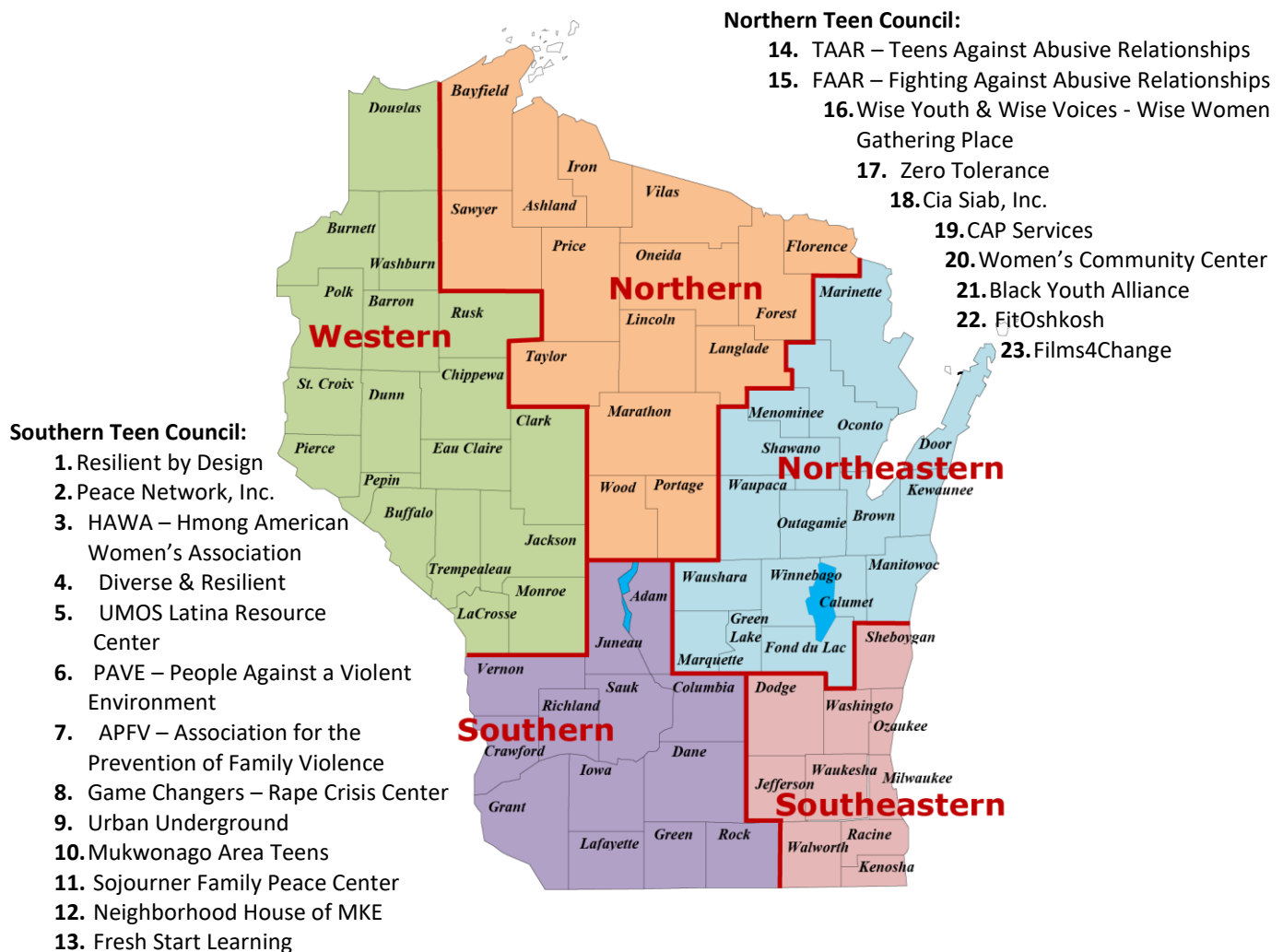
Northern Teen Council is a combination of the following regions:

1. Western
2. Northern
3. Northeastern

Southern Teen Council is a combination of the following regions:

1. Southern
2. Southeastern

Individual groups can decide what region they can more easily access depending on the location of meetings being held.





What is Teen Council?

- Through the support of Verizon funds, End Abuse focuses on development of teen leaders through the creation of the statewide Teen Council.
- The Teen Council advises End Abuse on programming and public awareness, including social media and toolkit development, and provides critical content ideas for the annual statewide Teen Summit.
- During proposed quarterly Teen Council meetings, End Abuse Staff will facilitate various leadership activities that promote personal agency and explore the root causes of violence.

How often do we meet?

- Each region will meet separately and quarterly (4 times per year).
- 1 combined central meeting will be held and may take the place of a quarterly meeting.
- Youth that are elected to be part of the Teen Summit planning committee will also join additional meetings.

How long is the Commitment?

- End Abuse encourages members that are High School aged (14-19yrs old) to make a commitment to be part of the Teen Council during the course of their High School career.
- Members will graduate from Teen Council the same year they graduate from High School or receive a High School Equivalency Degree (HSED).
- Groups may choose to have peer nominations for up to 3 individuals to be elected to serve as a representative.
- Groups may choose to elect new representatives upon graduation of existing members.
- Teen Council Alumni may be invited to continue their commitment beyond graduation to support peer-to-peer learning during Teen Council meetings and events.



Teen Council - Informed Consent

Purpose: You have been invited to participate as a member of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin's (End Abuse) Teen Council. The purpose of this council is:

- To guide the development of End Abuse's violence prevention materials and strategy, including social media and toolkit development
- To provide critical content ideas for the statewide Teen Summit
- To provide your expert opinions in response to questions posed by partner agencies from around the state as it relates to violence prevention

We think that this is really awesome. Our goal is for us to work and learn together about how we can be effective in promoting respectful, safe, healthy relationships among teens in Wisconsin. We recognize that this subject sometimes requires us to think about the abusive behaviors that teens are experiencing. We know this can be tough. Ultimately, we won't ask you to stick with the council if your participation is causing you any discomfort. You have the right to withdraw at any time; please just let us know, or else we will worry. We believe that this will be an exciting, productive, and empowering experience; thanks for being part of it.

Responsibilities: Responsibilities of Teen council membership include participating in quarterly scheduled meeting (some will be in person and some maybe online), participating in the development of the council's goals, honestly sharing your ideas, communicating with the council members, and following through on the responsibilities that you sign up for.

Benefits: Three (3) teens will be compensated with a \$50 travel allowance for each in person council meeting. You, or your driver, will receive compensation for mileage to cover the cost of travel to these in person meetings. We believe that participation on the council will strengthen your leadership and advocacy skills. We know that your expert opinions will contribute to the success of End Abuse's work to prevent gender-based violence in Wisconsin.

Risks: We believe the risks of participation are minimal. Our focus will be on strategy for fostering healthy, safe, fair, respectful relationships, but we recognize that this will also mean thinking about abusive behaviors. We recognize that survivors of violence may feel discomfort when talking about violence prevention. End Abuse staff will be available to help process our conversations and experiences, and we will offer additional resource numbers where you can seek information and advocacy services should you need them.

I have read the informed consent document and I understand my rights and responsibilities as a member of the council.

Teen Council Member Name	Signature	Date
Parent/Legal Guardian Name	Signature	Date
End Abuse Staff	Signature	Date

TEEN COUNCIL - Permission Slip & Liability Waiver

Please read carefully before signing



Teen Council Member

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Permission Slip

I, _____, give permission for _____ to attend Teen Council events in 2018. I also give permission for End Abuse volunteers to provide transportation to or from sessions & events.

INITIAL BELOW:

_____ I release End Abuse from liability of any costs associated as a passenger in the vehicle.

_____ I understand End Abuse uses photographs of sessions & events for promotion, reporting, and marketing.

_____ I understand survey results of Teen Council members are compiled as a group and used for reporting purposes and/or improvements of programming.

_____ I grant permission for the Teen Council organizers to make contact with the teen regarding scheduling and project activities.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to youth member: _____

Youth member allergies: _____

Any other information we should know about your youth: _____