



2017-2018 Break the Box Leadership Program

Gender-Based Violence Awareness and Prevention Participation Slip

Break the Box is a state-wide project that encourages youth to break free from harmful thinking that leads to violence. Students all over Texas are learning new ways to think about gender equality and will be gaining skills for healthier relationships. The local program began in 2016 and we are very excited to grow and expand with each new school year.

Students enrolled in the 6th to 8th grade at any school in the Concho Valley are eligible for our middle school program. Student enrolled in the 9th to 12th grade are eligible for our Phase 2 peer leader program and will serve as a mentor to students in the middle school program.

Your Teen has expressed interest in attending Break the Box Leadership Program sponsored by Open Arms Rape Crisis Center & LGBT+ Services. The youth attending this program will be given the opportunity to learn about how to make an impact in the local community. Youth who volunteer for this program are committing to participating from August 2017 to May 2018.

The program meets monthly with additional opportunities for community volunteer work and social events. Announcements for meetings times, dates, locations are posted on our agency Facebook page, Instagram and website. Unfortunately, our office staff is unable to transport youth, but people enrolled in the program can ride-share with other program participants.

They will participate with other teens to collaborate efforts to raise awareness and education around this issue. Over a teens lifetime, it is likely that 1 in 3 of them will experience some type of abuse in a relationship.¹Your Teen recognizes this to be a problem that is significant in their community. We applaud their level of maturity and commitment to be a part of this exciting program. If you have questions regarding topics, or projects the group is working on you are welcome to attend a meeting or contact **Crystal Garcia-Ward, Director of Community Education at 325-655-2000, by cell phone at 325-315-3953 or by email at cgarcia-ward@openarmscv.org.**

We are thankful that your young person will be supporting our efforts to prevent violence in the Concho Valley. We are proud to have teens in this community who are willing to make a change around issues that impact them. We look forward to all of the things they will accomplish.

Please mail completed applications to **36 W. Beauregard, Suite B100, San Angelo, Texas, 76901**. Applications may also be scanned and emailed to Crystal at cgarcia-ward@openarmscv.org

Please keep this page for your records and refer to it as needed.

In Service and Gratitude,



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Student Name: _____

Student Date of Birth _____

Student Cell Phone: _____ Student E-mail: _____

Is it ok to contact your student directly (by phone, text, email)? Yes No

Is it ok for a peer to notify your student of meeting information? Yes No

Is it ok for another parent to notify your student of meeting information? Yes No

Student Address: _____

School: _____ Grade-Level: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Adult Ally: _____

Address(if different from above): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Parent E-mail: _____

Preferred method of contact? _____ Is it ok to leave a message? Yes No

Would you like to be added to our Break the Box Parent/Adult Ally Facebook group? Yes No

Emergency Contact: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact(2): _____

Cell Phone(2): _____

Address(2): _____

Does your student have any allergies/food restrictions or special medical needs we need to be aware of?

Does your student have any other needs that we can accommodate? _____



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Please read this carefully before signing:

The applicant's parent/guardian/ally should initial each of the following statements upon agreement:

_____ I will allow my teen to ride with other students attending the Break the Box Program.

_____ I give my informed consent and permission for my teen to participate in the Break the Box Leadership Program.

_____ I understand that the nature of the group is to educate, advocate, role model, learn, and discuss issues around gender based violence in this community and around the country that impact teens, and agree that they can participate in those discussions.

_____ I hereby grant permission for the staff at the Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center to make contact with the youth regarding scheduling and project activities.

_____ I grant permission for my teen to be photographed/filmed. Photos may be used in digital media, social media, newspaper, community articles, fundraising campaigns or displays regarding the work they have completed during their time with the group. This may include photos, video, articles using **first names ONLY**, or projects they create to display in the community.

_____ I release Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center, its agents, staff and volunteers of all liability of injury, death, or other damages to me, my child, family, estate, heirs, or assigns that may result from his/her participation in the program, including but not limited to transportation, and hold harmless any program staff, or other representatives, both collectively and individually, of any injury, physical or emotional, other than where gross negligence has been determined.

By signing below, I attest to the truthfulness of all information listed on this application and agree to all the above terms and conditions.

Youth Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian/Advocate Signature

Date

