

Dear Parents and Families,

Positive Youth Connections, a program of Northland Family Help Center's Community Education Department, has been scheduled to do presentations at your daughter/son's school. In order for your child to attend presentations given by Northland Family Help Center, you must give permission by signing at the bottom of this consent form. The form must be returned to your daughter or son's Instructor.

Northland Family Help Center, a non-profit organization, has been in operation for over 30 years and provides safe haven, advocacy, and education for people in unhealthy and violent relationships. Northland Family Help Center's Community Education Department serves local communities and is dedicated to decreasing the incidence of sexual and relationship violence by addressing attitudes and behaviors through open discussion, increased awareness, and prevention education. The community education department receives financial support from Arizona Department of Health Services and local foundations.

Positive Youth Connections (PYC) is a program that focuses on interpersonal and relational violence prevention and education. PYC targets youth and the adults in their lives. The following topics may be addressed in PYC presentations: positive and healthy relationships, conflict resolution skills, bullying, internet safety, oppression in society, gender socialization, sexual harassment vs. flirting, the definition of and importance of obtaining consent, Arizona laws regarding sexual assault, self-harm, substance abuse, positive choice- making skills, non-violent communication, bystander intervention, and self-esteem.

The components of the PYC program include:

- Youth multi-session workshops
- Peer Education in these topics provided by members of the P.E.A.C.E. Project. The

P.E.A.C.E. Project is a group of students in Flagstaff who utilize innovative creative expression techniques and peer education to encourage audiences to explore the above issues.

- Youth community-wide activities (i.e., poster contest)

In Arizona, if a student discloses abuse (past or present), if not already reported, Northland Family Help Center staff are required by law (Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-3620(A), (E)-(F)) to file a report in person or hours. CPS may contact the police but we may do so as well.

We are continually striving to improve our presentations and make them more responsive to student needs and interests. Therefore, we may gather information from the students about their knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors surrounding the issues and about how they felt about the presentation. The information obtained from your daughter/son will be kept anonymous and may be used to inform funders and other interested parties about the success of Northland's Community Education programs. Students are free to refuse to answer any questions or participate in any presentation or activity and may withdraw at any time.

A parent/guardian signature is required for your daughter or son to attend a presentation given by Northland Family Help Center. If you agree to the above information, please sign below and return this form.

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Yes, I agree to the above information, and I am willing to allow my daughter or son to attend a presentation given by Northland Family Help Center.

The presentation will be Friday, Nov. 18 at 7pm at the Doris Harper White Playhouse (11 W. Cherry St.)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school or

Sydney Tolchinsky at Northland Family Help Center at (928)233--2201. Thank you for your time!