

ACES Program Guidelines



Purpose

The purpose of the program is to provide current and emerging leaders within the HIV/AIDS community with the skills and knowledge needed to be effective speakers and advocates in community presentations and during testimony at public policy forums; to provide a structured format for people living with HIV/AIDS to come together and undertake collaborative local endeavors (team projects) that address an unmet need in their community; to engage and encourage members to assume important leadership roles in community planning forums AND create a network that reflects and embraces the wide diversity of leadership within the HIV/AIDS community.

Program Goals

- Gain the skills and knowledge needed to be effective speakers and advocates.
- Learn to identify and obtain better housing and support services.
- Attend and participate in the AIDS Life Campaign, AIDS Awareness Days, World AIDS Day and other related events.
- Create a statewide network of leaders who educate the community.

Transportation Policy

It is the responsibility of the consumer to accommodate their own travel arrangements. When possible, a class can figure out car pooling or other methods of transportation.

Final Assignment Policy

You will be given a final assignment. This will be discussed during the first day of class. To graduate, you will need to do a three (3) minute presentation at a "mock public hearing" amongst your peers.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is the most important part of this course. *If you are not present, you cannot learn.* **No more than one (1) EXCUSED absence is permitted** during the course. After that, you must withdraw from the course and re-start the program.

I have read and understand the information provided above.

Print Name

Signature

Date