

PREJUDICE AWARENESS SUMMIT LOGISTICAL VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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What is the Prejudice Awareness Summit (PAS)?

The Prejudice Awareness Summit is a one-day program that leads to a year of action for over 200 metro-Richmond 7th and 8th grade students. Held in Richmond since 2001, PAS is an experience of awareness-to-action that provides student middle school teams and educator advisors with valuable knowledge in areas of conflict resolution, prejudice and stereotype reduction, multicultural communication, leadership, and advocacy. Student teams develop achievable, believable, and concrete solutions to the tough challenges that they face at school each day. As part of that process, they identify resources, allies, and timelines to achieve change and to spread the PAS message effectively to their larger middle school population.

Who sponsors the PAS?

The PAS is sponsored by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, an organization that works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success by addressing prejudices, in all forms, in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity, and enhance local trust. Through workshops, retreats, and customized programs that raise knowledge, motivation, and skills, VCIC develops leaders who work together to achieve success throughout the Commonwealth.

Coalition partners for the 2017 PAS (at time of printing) are: Communities in Schools of Richmond, Higher Achievement, Initiatives of Change/Hope in the Cities, Partnership for the Future, and the YWCA of Richmond. The PAS was founded by Jewish Women International.

When and where will the 2017 Prejudice Awareness Summit take place?

PAS 2017 takes place on **Thursday, October 19** at Virginia Commonwealth University's Harris Hall from 8:30am-2:00pm. Logistical volunteers will be needed that day to work shifts that run from **6:30am-10:30am** and **10:30am-2:30pm**.

What do logistical volunteers do?

Logistical volunteers are essential to the implementation of the PAS, helping with a variety of tasks that ensure the smooth execution of the day. Responsibilities include supply distribution and collection, guiding participants to appropriate locations, delivering lunch to student classrooms, and overall setup and cleanup.

What if I have additional questions?

Please contact Jessica Hawthorne, Director of Programs at the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, by phone at (804) 515-7950, or by email at jhawthorne@inclusiveva.org.

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**Volunteer Code of Ethics:
Professional Boundaries When Working With Minors**

1. Volunteers will maintain confidentiality at and after the PAS experience (except for mandatory reporting, such as abuse or when individual is a danger to self or others.)
2. Volunteers will exhibit language that is consistent with the PAS mission (no disrespectful comments related to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ability, age, etc.)
3. Volunteers will obey the law in all aspects of interaction with the program, students, and fellow volunteers. This includes no weapons, alcohol, or use/supply of illegal substances at or after PAS.
4. Volunteers will have no physical (sexual, romantic, inappropriate touching) relationships with volunteers or students at the PAS program.
5. Volunteers will treat all participants equally and avoid any favoritism.
6. Volunteers will maintain positive, supportive, and healthy mentoring relationships with program participants.
7. Volunteers will model respect for program facilities.
8. Volunteers will abide by the decisions of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities before, during, and after the program.
9. Volunteers are prohibited from making use of or reproducing PAS curricula or supplementary material for any purpose other than rendering service to the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.
10. Volunteers will not be alone with minors in secluded areas. There should be volunteers of different genders present if meeting alone with an individual minor.

