Empowering Youth In Policy Change

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Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam is a youth-centered, youth-driven, community-based prevention program and is comprised of 11-17 year-old youth who desire true friendships, a sense of belonging and responsibility, respect and support from adults, and opportunities to have fun with their peers.
* Gives young people a say about what is important
* Allows young people to “own” decisions that are made about their lives
* Increases self-confidence and skills
* Empowers young people
* Protects young people by promoting resilience
* Involved youth are more likely to stay away from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.

* Involving Youth In Prevention Programs
* Designed to involve the youth in developing and evaluating prevention programs.
* A teen prevention program based on the influence of positive peer support.
* Truly a youth led prevention program.
* A program that can increase knowledge and leadership skills.

* Youth for Youth leading the way!
* Community educational activities on drug abuse prevention.
* Youth trained as trainers in prevention.
* Locally developed prevention resources.
* Skill development training.

* Achieving empowerment
* Networking with other youth locally, regionally, and nationally.
* Strengthening youth and adult partnership.
* Empowering youth with positive alternatives.
* Fostering community collaboration.

Achieving empowerment
* Annual Youth for Youth (YFY) conference
* Annual Youth Summer Swim and Water Safety Program
* Red Ribbon Month Campaign
* Unannounced Tobacco Inspection (SYNAR)
* Kick Butts Day (KBD)
* Youth Helpline

* Year Round Activities
Annual Youth for Youth Conference
*Summer Swim and Water Safety Program*
Youth Advocacy
Helping to push policies that prevent underage drinking
*Empowering Families to be Alcohol-Free - Liberation Day 2010*
Therapy Friday, Saturday, 6PM to 10PM
Trained Youth workers will answer the calls.
If you or someone you know needs help, Call the Youth Helpline.
You can get help, make the call.

Call the Youth Helpline: 647-8833
Happy 20th Anniversary Youth for Youth
THANK YOU!