



**Join the Hub Committee for
Building Healthy Communities Southwest Merced/East Merced County**

Adult / Youth Resident Application

Support Building Healthy Communities (BHC) by participating in the BHC Hub Committee as a resident representative! Both adults and youth (age 13 to 24 years old) are encouraged to apply.

If you or someone you know would like to apply for the committee, please read and complete this application packet and return it to Tatiana Vizcaíno-Stewart, Hub Manager, no later than

5:00 p.m. Feb 15, 2013.

You can mail, fax, e-mail or take this application to:

**United Way of Merced County
658 W. Main St. Merced, CA 95340, Attn: BHC Hub Office
Fax: (209) 383-4254
E-mail: Tatiana@unitedwaymerced.org**

History

In 2010, The California Endowment (TCE), a statewide public health foundation, started the Building Healthy Communities (BHC) work in 14 places in California. BHC is working with residents, youth, agencies, and government systems to change existing systems and policies for children to be safe, healthy, and ready to learn. The communities of South Merced, Planada, Le Grand and Franklin/Beachwood make up BHC Merced. We are focusing our efforts and resources to achieve three (3) community goals:

Outcome 5: Children and Their Families are Safe from Violence in Their Homes and Neighborhoods.

Outcome 6: Communities support healthy youth development.

Outcome 8: Community health improvements are linked to economic development.

What is the Hub Committee?

BHC is about building resident and youth power and leadership. The committee:

- Makes sure the Hub creates a space for and engages the diverse communities of BHC Merced;
- Makes sure community members are informed and participate in making the BHC goals a reality;
- Makes sure partners working on the BHC Merced Community Plan have the community support needed for success.

Youth members elected to the committee will serve one-year terms. Adult members will serve two years.

They will:

- Learn about the BHC goals and the Community Plan created by the site;
- Participate in the annual update of the Community Plan;
- Participate in the monthly committee meeting and serve on at least one Team and / or sub-committee;
- Stay in contact with the Hub office to help coordinate activities and meetings in your area;
- Participate in statewide TCE events (paid travel and accommodations included)

Who participates in the committee?

The Committee can include up to 26 members representing the broad demographics of the place and the following groups:

Eight (8) Adult Residents: (Two from each of the four areas: Southwest Merced, Planada, Le Grand, and Beachwood/ Franklin).

Four (4) to Eight (8) Youth Residents: (One to two youth from each of the four areas: Southwest Merced, Planada, Le Grand, and Beachwood/ Franklin).

Four (4) Government-System representatives, one from each of the following categories:

- Category Health / Public Health (including Public Health/Health Care/Foster Youth/Foster Care/Medical Eligibility and Enrollment/Food Security).
- Category Juvenile Justice (including Law Enforcement/Juvenile Justice/Probation/Judicial Courts)
- Category Education/K-12 Districts (including Education / School Systems including county / city school district / high school district).
- Category Human and Social Services (including Human Services Agency/Family Welfare/CPS/Children and Family Support Services);

Four (4) Agency representatives, one from each of the four following categories:

- Category A Community-based organizations, including faith-based groups.
- Category B Youth engagement and youth-leadership development organizations (including, youth-service organizations, after-school programs, sports clubs, sports teams, etc. ;
- Category C Community Engagement/Advocacy Organizations;
- Category D Local businesses residing located in and serving the BHC site and/or its residents and focused on health (including workforce development, educational pathways programs Agri-business, food access, etc.).

One (1) representative from The California Endowment

One (1) representative from the Hub's fiscal agent--United Way of Merced County

What do I get back from participating?

You will have the opportunity to:

1. Make a positive difference in the lives of the residents of your community;
2. Meet and work with people who are working to improve the community;
3. Develop your leadership skills;
4. Practice public speaking and presentation skills, learn how to make videos and use social-media, receive training on how to resolve conflict, and many other topics!

What are the requirements?

1. Be a resident of the site community that you are planning to represent;
2. Be involved in activities, programs, or groups that are working on BHC goals (safety/violence prevention, youth development, economic development);
3. Be open to work with people who have many different views, come from different backgrounds, experiences, and knowledge;
4. Be available to attend meetings held during workdays, evenings, and occasional weekends;
5. Review and agree to a Conflict of Interest Policy and a Statement of Commitment; and
6. Be willing to work with other youth and adult residents;
7. Be able to respond to committee communications in a timely way by e-mail, phone, or in-person.
8. Be punctual and maintain good attendance;
9. Be willing to participate in one Team and/or sub-committee;

If you are interested in becoming a Member of the Hub Committee, please fill out the following application:

Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Phone number(s) where we can reach you: Home _____ Work _____

Cell _____ E-Mail: _____

What is the best way to contact you? (Circle one) Text/E-mail/Cell/Home phone/Work phone

1. Are you applying as a Youth representative? (I am 13-24 years of age). No____ Yes____
Please select a community from the box below:

2. Are you applying as an adult resident? No____ Yes____

3. Please select a community from the box below:

- Le Grand
- Planada
- South Merced
- Beachwood/Franklin

4. Candidate Statement

Be prepared to read or refer to this statement to address the community on elections night. Your statement should include your name, the area that you wish to represent, a little bit about who you are, your experience and why you are interested in serving on the Merced BHC Committee. Please describe your involvement and/or leadership role in Building Healthy Communities or other programs addressing BHC Outcomes.

Use additional paper if necessary.

5. Do you need interpreting services in order to participate in Merced BHC/Hub Committee meetings?
Y/N If so, which language _____
 6. Do you need child care in order to participate in Merced BHC/Hub Committee meetings? Y/N
 7. Do you need any other types of support to fully participate in Merced BHC meetings? Y/N
If so, please describe:
-
-

Timeline:

- February 1, 2013—Hub Application packet is released to the public.
- February 15, 2013—Hub Committee applications close for youth and residents.
- Elections are held in the four areas from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Residents living in each are encouraged to attend the election in their community and vote!
- Tues. Feb. 19, 2013 – Planada – Cesar Chavez Middle School—Cafeteria, 161 S. Plainsburg Rd.
- Wed. Feb. 20, 2013 – Beachwood/Franklin @ Franklin Elementary School – Cafeteria.
- Thu. Feb. 21, 2013 – Le Grand – Le Grand High School, 12961, on Le Grand Rd.
- Fri. Feb. 22, 2013 – South Merced – Boys & Girls Club, 615 West 15th Street, Merced.
- Resident elections results are announced at the end of each election.
- Elected members are welcome at the Hub Committee meeting on March 6, 2013.
- April 3, 2013—New terms start. Welcome of the new Hub Committee members at the Hub Committee monthly meeting.
- A 1 ½ day retreat will be held sometime in April 2013. The specific date will be determined in March, 2013.

Your application will be reviewed and kept at the Hub Office. A Hub staff member will contact you before the election to help you prepare. If you have any questions or need help in filling out this application contact: Tatiana Vizcaíno-Stewart, Hub Manager (209) 580-6067.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print your name: _____ Date: _____