



Real Teens. Real Life. Real Results.

Teen Outreach Program© Implementation & Group Facilitator Training

Offered by Wyman, Inc.

The Teen Outreach Program: Youth Development through Service Learning

The **Teen Outreach Program (TOP)** is an exciting, comprehensive program that fosters the positive development of adolescents. **TOP** is one of the few youth development initiatives proven to be highly effective in preventing risk factors of school drop out, academic failure, and teen pregnancy. Most importantly, TOP develops life skills, healthy behaviors and a sense of purpose that youth can apply now and throughout their lives.

The two main features of **TOP** are curriculum-guided group experiences on topics of interest to adolescents and engagement in volunteer service designed to improve their communities. **TOP** is ideally suited for teens ages 12-17. The **TOP** strategy is flexible and can be implemented in a variety of settings where teens routinely meet, such as classrooms, after-school programs and community settings.

The **TOP** curriculum, *Changing Scenes*, is the guide for experiential lessons conducted in a group setting. In a trusting, safe atmosphere, trained adults facilitate exercises that focus on topics relevant for adolescent development. Concurrent with the group experience, youth assess their communities and identify issues they want to address through service projects. **TOP** uses a service learning approach to help young people connect what they learn in school to their community service experience and ultimately to their lives.



The **TOP** National evaluation, conducted by Philliber Research Associates (PRA) since 1984, demonstrates strong program impacts:

- 33% Lower Rate of Pregnancy
- 60% Lower Rate of School Dropout
- 18% Lower Rate of School Suspension
- 11% Lower Rate of Course Failure in School

Research conducted by PRA shows similar findings in many settings and for varying audiences.

Wyman, Inc. is responsible for a national dissemination and replication project designed to make the **TOP** approach available to a greatly expanded number of youth by institutionalizing the strategy within schools, the public health community, and youth development organizations.

Upon completion of the **TOP** Group Facilitator Training you will have:

- knowledge about how **TOP** operates and how to begin **TOP** in your organization or school
- practiced your new **TOP** skills with peers
- the necessary curriculum and organizational materials to begin **TOP**
- a network of other **TOP** facilitators

What to Expect:

All participants will be actively engaged in the training program. We conduct our entire training program experientially, so expect to be involved in group discussions, role-plays, leading sample curriculum and providing peer feedback. The atmosphere for the training is very relaxed. Please wear casual attire (blue jeans are just fine).

If you cannot attend the entire training please register for dates and times that are more convenient to your schedule. We cannot approve a facilitator who has not completed the training.

Please Bring:

- Your calendar or date book
- A notebook and writing utensils
- Comfortable clothing – casual

The Trainers:

All trainers are certified **TOP** Group Facilitator Trainers. They received their certification from **Wyman**, which is responsible for a national replication and dissemination of **TOP**. Trainings provided by others are not authorized by Wyman and are not approved to conduct trainings. If you have questions about trainings in your area, please contact us.

TOP Curriculum:

Wyman recommends a minimum of one curriculum kit per 2 to 3 facilitators. Curriculum kits are ordered through Wyman, unless the **TOP** sponsor has made special arrangements. Curriculum may be purchased by downloading the order form from our website (www.wymancenter.org) or calling 636-549-1236. Each organization or site should have a curriculum kit at the TOP training.

Training Dates, Times and Locations:

Please check our training calendar for dates, times and locations of trainings.

For questions, please call: Claire Wyneken 636-549-1236 or clairew@wymancenter.org

****To honor your time we do begin promptly each morning and end at the scheduled time****

Many **TOP** trainings are held at:

Wyman
600 Kiwanis Drive
Eureka, MO 63025
www.wymancenter.org

Directions are available on our website.

Meals:

If you have special dietary needs, please let the training sponsor know a week in advance so we can prepare accordingly. We will have a continental breakfast and lunch each day. There will also be snacks and beverages available.

Site and Accessibility:

In the event of inclement weather, please contact the training sponsor for further instructions. Wyman's training site is accessible via wheelchair. Should you have any particular needs or questions about the site, please contact the training sponsor listed on the calendar.

Hotel Accommodations:

For out-of-town visitors to St. Louis we suggest staying at the Holiday Inn, Six Flags, Eureka, MO 63025. Hotel reservations: 1-888-465-4329. Front desk: 636-938-6661.

Air Travel to St. Louis:

Those flying to St. Louis will fly into Lambert St. Louis International Airport (airport code STL). The airport is approximately 25 miles from the hotel and our training site and one should expect a 30 – 45 minute drive.



**A few of our St. Louis partners at the end of training
Smiles everyone - smiles☺**

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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Date sent: _____

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency, School or Organization: _____

Address where you wish materials to be mailed: _____

Work Telephone: _____ Home or Cellular Telephone* _____

*In case of last minute or weather-related schedule changes

Fax Number: _____ Email Address _____

To best meet the needs of all training participants it is helpful if we know a bit about you and how you plan to use the Teen Outreach Program. Feel free to add further detail if you feel it would be helpful to us.

Ages of youth with whom you have worked: _____ # years have you worked with youth? _____

In which of these settings have you worked with teens?

- Classroom – in school
- After-school programs
- Faith-based programs
- Community-based youth center (YMCA, YWCA, Boys & Girls Club, etc.)
- Recreation Centers or sports leagues
- Clinical settings
- Other: _____

How have you worked with the Teen Outreach Program?

- I have never worked with the Teen Outreach Program before
- I have been a facilitator before, but have never been to a formal training
- I have been a TOP facilitator and have been trained previously
- I have been trained in TOP previously, but have never facilitated TOP

What will be your role with TOP after this training?

- TOP facilitator
- TOP administrator or support staff
- Research or evaluation
- Other _____

Which training do you wish to attend? Please refer to the TOP Training Calendar for available trainings at www.wymancenter.org.. If you wish to schedule a training for your organization or community please contact us at 636-549-1236.

Dates: _____ Training Sponsor: _____

Location: _____

Meal preference: Vegan Vegetarian Chicken or Fish You serve it, I'll eat it
Please circle one

Emergency Contact information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Number (s) _____

Training Fees:

Item	Cost per	# requested	Total
Registration fee*	\$525.00 per person		
Changing Scenes Curriculum	\$395.00 each -		
TOP Operations Manuals	\$ 35.00 each		
Total			

*If payment is being made for more than one individual, please attach all paid registrations together.

Payment:

- Check Money Order *(Paid to the order of **Wyman Center, Inc.**)*
 VISA MasterCard Purchase Order

NAME (as it appears on card): _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

3-DIGIT SECURITY CODE (on back of card): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Please make a copy of your registration for your records.

For office use only:

Registration received		
Payment received		
Dates approved		
Registration confirmed		
Materials request placed		
Training completed		
Certificate/Database		

Mail your registration and payment to:

TOP Training Attn: Claire Wyneken
 Wyman Center, Inc.
 600 Kiwanis Drive
 Eureka, MO 63025

