

TEEN-ACTION-TEAM
[teen -ak-shuhn- teem]

—noun

1. A community initiative.
2. Fun, service-learning leadership clubs grounded in research-based substance use prevention strategies.
3. A demonstration of peer-to-peer advocacy utilizing youth-adult partnerships to positively change school and neighborhood environments.
4. A local Youth Advisory Council serving Marion County.

See Also: TEEN LEADERS,
UNTAPPED RESOURCES,
INNOVATORS.



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Empowering
youth to help
change the future.

Teen **ACTION** Team



The City of Salem and its partners believe that the
40 Developmental Assets

identified by the **Search Institute** help young people become caring, responsible adults and that all members of the community can serve as Asset Builders. TAT is one way to facilitate this on-going effort.

ASSET-BUILDING COMMUNITIES:

1. *Assets are nurtured in all young people.*
2. *Relationships (not programs) are key.*
3. *Everyone in a community contributes to the vision.*
4. *Asset building never stops.*
5. *The community is filled with consistent, caring messages.*
6. *Duplication and repetition in asset-building is valued.*

For more info: www.search-institute.org

What exactly is it TEENS do?

With adult partnerships, high school aged youth generate and lead service projects and have fun along the way!

Projects include:
launching marketing awareness campaigns in their schools, developing connections with 8th graders for better transitions into high school, coordinating/creating community service projects, developing activities in the Arts, mobilizing peers & the community to serve, and informing community stakeholders of youth needs, concerns and solutions.



How does a TAT work?

TAT can exist in a school or community center. Meetings are held at lunch or after school and have the option of operating year-round.

Each TAT has 8-10 student leaders
(with additional recruited members)
& two adult Club Advisers.

TAT members gain real world skills, promote healthy decision-making, and mobilize their peers to join the service movement.

Core TAT Content

LEADERSHIP

**Marketing
Event Coordination
Promotions
Project Planning
Budgeting**

Why teens use alcohol, tobacco, & other drugs AND how to prevent it.

ADVOCACY
Youth-Adult Partnerships
Collaboration

EMPOWERMENT

PURPOSE thru SERVICE

TAT Lead Partners

