

TOPIC: So you have been trained...now what?

Next Steps

Many of you may be wondering what to do next and that is normal. As a reminder, a Preconception Peer Educator is someone who is trained in preconception health (you already are if you attended the September training!) and works with their campus and community to educate others about preconception health. This involves A) starting a campus organization devoted to preconception peer education or B) folding into another organization, for example, an existing health organization on your campus.

This is quite a bit of work and will take some time to accomplish, but at the end it will be rewarding and is **great experience to include on job and graduate school applications**—coming up sooner than you may think! For now, we have outlined some smaller steps that you can take. We will follow up in a week or so with more resources for you.

1. Submit any remaining post-tests

Great job everyone! We have received almost all of them. If you have not yet submitted yours, you still have the chance to do so. Email them by **Sunday, November 25** to info@everywomancalifornia.org. Why are we asking? We value your feedback! Also, you need to have submitted a post-test to receive a certificate from the Office of Minority Health. **We are hoping to have the certificates for you by January 2013.** Need a post-test form? Download one [here](#).

2. Let us know how YOU are doing!

Some of you may have already started working on getting a Preconception Peer Education campus organization established on campus (or folding into an existing organization). Have you? Or are you having difficulties? Let us know by emailing info@everywomancalifornia.org.

3. Log in to your NEW EveryWomanCalifornia user account and experiment with the features there. Verify that the information in your account is correct.

The Every Woman California website is a unique website in that it is a two-way website to which you, as a registered user, can contribute. As a courtesy to you for your involvement in the Preconception Peer Educators program, we have created a user account for you.

- **For username and password assistance, please email info@everywomancalifornia.org.**

To access your account, select "login" from the homepage, provide the information above, and enter the "administration area." From the main menu in the administration area you can review and update your account information. You can also add a photograph of yourself ("avatar") and change your password. **Please verify that your address is correct.** This is the address to which your Office of Minority Health certificates will be mailed when they are available. If you attended the Fresno State training and completed your pre- and post- tests, you are eligible.



Networking tools when logged in to Every Woman California:

- Select “Forum” from the menu on the left and select the members-only Peer Educator Forum.
- We encourage you to participate in the Forum to dialogue and network with other students as well as to stay-up-date on funding or other issues related to the PPE program. Any items posted in the this Forum will only be accessible to others affiliated with the peer educator program (not the general public).
- Discussion topics within the Forum are called “Threads.” The first message in each Thread provides a description of the thread scope and content.
- As an additional feature, subscribing to Forums and Threads is a good way to stay updated on topics of interest to you by allowing you to receive an email when new Threads or messages are posted. You are already subscribed to the “Peer Educators” Forum, which has many relevant threads already.

Using the website, you can also create public webpages for your peer educator organization, event pages with registration, and much more. For details, [click here](#).

Useful links

1. Every Woman California website

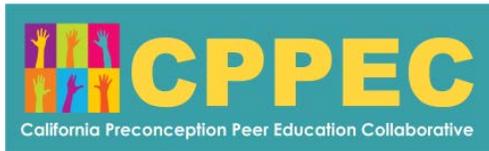
Reminder: The EveryWomanCalifornia website is a valuable and FREE resource. Find all kinds of information about preconception health on this website. We have been hard at work coming up with resources JUST for you. Visit the [NEW Peer Educators section of the site](#).

2. Need a refresher on the Peer Educator training?

We know it has been awhile. PowerPoints and videos from the training are [available online!](#)

Talking with other PPEs

It is entirely possible (especially if you go to CSU Fresno) that there were other students at your campus who were trained on September 22. A great way to get a campus organization started is by working with your classmates or friends who attended the training. Start off by posting a message in the EveryWomanCalifornia forums requesting volunteers from your school—everyone will receive an email notification. Email us at info@everywomancalifornia.org if you need help logging into the website and posting a message in the Peer Educators forum.



We are on social media!

Please Follow/Retweet @PHCCalifornia on [Twitter](#) and Like California Preconception Health on [Facebook](#) so that you can stay informed of important updates AND spread the preconception health message—this is also an avenue for you to publicize your own work! Contact us for details.

Questions?

Email info@everywomancalifornia.org.

Thank you for your dedication to the health of women, men and families in California!