January 18, 2023

Dear Student:

The **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** and **Project GAIA (Growing Up Accepted as an Individual in America)**, sponsored by Corner House & the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance, are **peer leadership programs** for high school juniors from Princeton area public & private high schools.

**TAG** develops and facilitates substance awareness workshops; **Project GAIA** develops and facilitates workshops promoting inclusion and acceptance. Both programs reach elementary and middle school students throughout the Princeton Community. Participation in these programs offers valuable opportunities to increase your knowledge, develop presentation & small group facilitation skills, and practice your leadership skills.

###### TAG and Project GAIA ARE NOW SELECTING STUDENT LEADERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are looking for a diverse group of energetic, enthusiastic, and committed individuals who will uniquely contribute to these programs. To apply, you must **currently** be a **high school sophomore** attending Princeton High School, The Hun School, Princeton Day School, or Stuart Country Day School.

Selected TAG and Project GAIA leaders are required to:

* Attend **weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM** during the school year,
* Attend **periodic workshops & meetings** throughout the school year (days and evenings),
* Attend a **mandatory 3-day/2 night student leadership retreat *August 1-3, 2023***

##### Abide by the *Student Leader Expectations,* which include making every effort to abstain from using alcohol, tobacco & other drugs, and being accepting and inclusive while a TAG or GAIA leader.

**If you are interested in joining these outstanding groups, you will need to:**

1. **Complete and return via email the following application by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

**to** [**rlevy@cornerhousenj.org**](mailto:rlevy@cornerhousenj.org)

1. Have your parents read and sign the Parent Forms (to be returned with your application),

##### Attend a mandatory group interview on April 11, 2023, from 7:00-9:00 PM at Corner House, One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ.

I appreciate your interest in TAG and Project GAIA!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with **Riva Levy** at **(609) 924-8018** # 1263 or check out our website:

[**www.cornerhousenj.org**](http://www.cornerhousenj.org/)

# Corner House

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG) & Project GAIA Application 2022-2023**

### (Please complete ALL the contact info below and PRINT CLEARLY!)

Name: \_ School:

Full Address:

(Include zip code)

Home Phone: Cell Phone: Email:

#### You can apply to both TAG and Project GAIA. Please indicate which leadership program(s) you are applying to, and if you're applying to both, please rank your preference:

**TAG's** mission is to educate students about the dangers of substance abuse, to promote delaying first use, and to teach decision-making and refusal skills.

**Project GAIA's** mission is to promote understanding and inclusion of all people regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, disability, or beliefs.

#### \_ \_ TAG \_ \_ GAIA

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If you are applying to TAG and GAIA, you will need to complete both sets of questions on the following page and have your parents read and sign both parent forms. The application can also be accessed via the Corner House website at [www.cornerhousenj.org](http://www.cornerhousenj.org/)

After we receive your completed application, there will be a group interview on **April 11** **from 7:00-8:00 PM at Corner House (One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540)**

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***Please email me your applications no later than 3:00 PM on* Tuesday, February 28, 2023. For more information you can contact the following offices at your school:**

Princeton High School – Ms. Lygas (Guidance Office) The Hun School – Ms. Krista Sahrbeck

**Princeton Day School –Michelle Simonds' Office Stuart School – Ms. Zosch's mailbox in the USRC Corner House, One Monument Drive, Princeton – Reception Desk/Front Office**

*Questions about Corner House, TAG or Project GAIA? Please call us at* ***609-924-8014***

*Riva Levy, Director of Prevention Programs •Cathy Reilly, GAIA Facilitator •Rebecca Frazzetta, TAG Facilitator*

###### [www.cornerhousenj.org](http://www.cornerhousenj.org/)

***THANK YOU!***

## Corner House Leadership Teams Application 2023-2024

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**Project GAIA's** mission is to promote understanding and inclusion of all people regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, disability, or beliefs.

If you are applying to TAG **and** GAIA, you will need to complete each question specifically for both TAG and GAIA programs, and have your parents read and sign both parent forms.

### Please TYPE your answers!

1a. What have you heard about TAG?

1b. What have you heard about Project GAIA?

2a. Why do you want to be a TAG member? How do you think you'll grow as an individual by being on TAG?

2b. Why do you want to be a GAIA member? How do you think you'll grow as an individual by being on GAIA?

3a. Why do you think you are a good fit for TAG? Why is TAG a good fit for you?

3b. Why do you think you are a good fit for GAIA? Why is GAIA a good fit for you?

4a. What personal experiences make you a good candidate for TAG? If applicable, share a brief story/anecdote.

4b. What personal experiences make you a good candidate for GAIA? If applicable, share a brief story/anecdote.

1. How would your peers describe you?
2. Please list **ALL** time commitments and/or extracurricular activities (e.g. sports, job, clubs, youth groups, leadership program, art, dance, and # of AP classes) which you expect to be involved in during the 2022-2023 academic year. These may be taken into consideration during the selection process:

FALL:

WINTER:

SPRING:

# PARENT FORM

## Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

A Program of Corner House & the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance (PADA)

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a **peer educator/leadership program** that trains 11th-grade students from the Princeton area high schools in substance abuse awareness/prevention issues. There are up to 22 students on TAG representing Princeton High School, Princeton Day School, The Hun School, and Stuart Country Day School. Each TAG member signs a set of Corner House student leader expectations (*see the last page*).

TAG members meet on Tuesday evenings each week to learn about substance abuse & related issues and to develop student workshops designed for grades 5-8. The goals of the workshops are to educate students about the dangers of substance use, to teach decision-making & refusal skills, to encourage students not to use and to keep lines of communication open with their parents or other trusted adults.

The TAG team is a competitive peer leadership program. Last year we received approximately fifty-five (55) applications for 22 spots. We strive to have a balanced group of students, diverse in many ways, including ethnicity, gender, ideas/beliefs, and past experiences. For additional information about TAG and Corner House please visit our website: [www.cornerhousenj.org](http://www.cornerhousenj.org/)

The 2022-2023 TAG application process consists of the following:

* Students submit a written TAG application (with signed Parent Form**) due by 3:00 PM, Tuesday, March 14, 2023**
* All students attend a small group interview. Students will be contacted upon receipt of the completed application.
* The new TAG team is selected, and all students are notified by email by mid-May 2023.
* An information meeting for the new TAG team and their parents/guardians will be on **Tuesday, May 30, 2023**. **Students selected to be members of the 2023-2024 TAG team are required to make the following time commitments:**
* **Attend a mandatory 3-day Student Leadership retreat on *August 1-3, 2023*.**
* Attend weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM. Students need to secure their own transportation to/from these weekly meetings. Meetings are held at Corner House, One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ.
* Attend approximately **8 workshops** during the school year. Workshops are usually held during the school day, schools are notified in advance, and students are out of school for about 1 ½ hour.

*Please sign below indicating you have read this information and are aware of the Student Leader Expectations and time commitments your child will make if s/he is selected to be a member of the 2023-2024 TAG team. Please have your child return this signed form with their completed application.*

Parent Name (please print) Child's Name (please print)

Parent Signature \*sign this form by typing your name into the field above\*

Date

**If you have questions, please call Riva Levy, Coordinator of Prevention Programs, and (609) 924-8018 ext. 1263** [**www.cornerhousenj.org**](http://www.cornerhousenj.org/)

# PARENT FORM

## Project GAIA (Growing up Accepted as an Individual in America)

A Program of Corner House & the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance (PADA)

Project GAIA is a **peer educator/leadership program** comprised of 11th-grade students. GAIA members strive to exemplify leadership in regards to acceptance and understanding of all individuals regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and beliefs. GAIA members conduct workshops at local elementary and middle schools. There are up to 22 students on the GAIA I team representing Princeton High School, Princeton Day School, The Hun School and Stuart Country Day School. Each GAIA member signs a set of Corner House student leader expectations (*see the last page*).

GAIA members meet weekly on Tuesday evenings at Corner House for team-building, learning, and developing student workshops. Project GAIA is a competitive peer leadership program; we usually receive approximately fifty

(50) applications for 22 spots. We strive to have a balanced group of students, diverse in many ways, including ethnicity, gender, ideas/beliefs, and past experiences. For additional information about Project GAIA and Corner House please visit our website: [www.cornerhousenj.org](http://www.cornerhousenj.org/)

The 2022 Project GAIA application process consists of the following:

* Students submit a written application (with signed Parent Form) **due by 3:00 PM, Tuesday, March 22, 2022**
* All students attend a small group interview. Students will be contacted upon receipt of the completed application.
* The new Project GAIA team is selected and all students are notified by email **by mid-May 2022.**
* An information meeting for the new GAIA team and their parents/guardians will be on **May 31, 2022**.

Students selected to be members of the 2022-2023 Project GAIA team are required to make the following time commitments:

* **Attend a mandatory 3-day Student Leadership retreat *August 2-4, 2022*.**
* Attend weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM. Students need to secure their own transportation to/from these weekly meetings. Meetings are held at Corner House, One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ.
* Attend approximately **8 workshops** during the school year. Workshops are usually held during the school day, schools are notified in advance, and students are out of school for about 1 ½ hour.

*Please sign below indicating you have read this information and are aware of the Student Leader Expectations and time commitments your child will make if s/he is selected to be a member of the 2022-2023 Project GAIA team.*

*Please have your child return this signed form with their completed application.*

Parent Name (please print) Child's Name (please print)

Parent Signature \*sign this form by typing your name in this field\*

Date

**If you have questions, please call Riva Levy, Director of Prevention Programs, (609) 924-8018 ext. 1263**

**Corner House Student Leader Expectations**

By accepting a position on a Corner House Student Leadership Team (CHSB, GAIA, TAG), I understand that I am considered a role model for other students at all times and I will make every effort to serve Corner House and the community with honesty and integrity, abiding by the following expectations:

* + I will make every effort to abstain from using alcohol, tobacco and drugs while I serve on a CH leadership team;
  + I will make every effort to be accepting and inclusive of all people regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or beliefs;
  + I will make every effort to attend weekly team meetings, workshops, and Corner House program activities; and,
  + I will be honest with my team and team advisors about any challenges I face regarding any of these expectations.