What is R.E.A.C.H.?
R.E.A.C.H. (Reaching for Education, Affirmation, Community and Harmony) is a volunteer peer education program established in October of 2005. The program is designed and implemented by UCR students for the UCR community. The R.E.A.C.H. volunteers program and mentor on topics of sexual violence/violation, suicide awareness, academic integrity, hazing, and hate bias related incidents/crimes. The program topics vary from year to year, based on student expressed needs.

How can UCR students R.E.A.C.H.?
The R.E.A.C.H. peer educators receive 40 hours of training on the topics of public speaking, program planning, sexual violence/violation, suicide awareness, academic integrity, hazing, and hate bias related incidents/crimes. Examples of R.E.A.C.H. events are “UCR Stop the Hate Week: Building on the Dream,” “Be a Lifesaver this Valentine’s Day Season,” “Hazed and Confused: There’s No Excuse,” and “Take Back the Night: Many Voices Breaking Silence.”

Featured R.E.A.C.H. Programs:
“Take Back the Night” is a nationally recognized program occurring on college campuses and high schools throughout the month of April. The unifying theme is the assertion that all human beings have the right to be free from violence, the right to be heard, and the right to reclaim those rights if they are violated.

R.E.A.C.H. has hosted “Take Back the Night” events yearly at the bell tower. The events have included spoken word artist performances, Denim Day fashion shows, speakers from the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center and Alternatives to Domestic Violence, information tables, speak-outs, candle-light vigils, rallies and marches.

The annual “UCR Stop the Hate Week,” has featured a series of events designed to educate students about hate/bias related crimes and incidents. The five day programs have featured week-long educational displays, theatre troupe performances, movie screenings, International film festivals and director interviews, poetry slams, and panel discussions.

The R.E.A.C.H. peer educators are a diverse group of UCR students. They have extensive professional, volunteer, and academic experiences. They are a dedicated group of volunteers that defines leadership through integrity, commitment, and community.