

PART-TIME INTERNSHIP

Position Title: Fairfield Prevention Intern

Summary: Positive Directions - the Center for Prevention and Counseling is seeking a young adult who is committed to positive youth development to support local efforts to prevent underage drinking, vaping, and other drug use in Fairfield. This position will work with middle and high school students to get their input, plan prevention strategies and activities, and represent youth perspectives at local and state meetings. The time commitment is 5 hours per week through the end of June.

Reports to: Prevention Director

Job Type: 5 hrs/wk, primarily online. Occasional evenings or weekends. Internship is grant-funded through June 30, 2021.

Compensation: \$15 per hour, with a maximum 10-month stipend of \$3,000. Opportunity to gain experience in the field of substance use prevention and to contribute to positive youth development in the community.

Essential Duties:

In collaboration with the Prevention staff and local coalition leaders, gather data and develop prevention strategies around underage drinking, vaping, and other drug use, including helping to:

1. Plan and organize listening sessions and focus groups.
2. Present youth concerns to teen and adult audiences based on data gathered.
3. Plan and implement strategies and activities that respond to youth input (e.g., social media campaigns, community forums).
4. Outreach to local teens through social media and other means.
5. Mobilize teen participation in local Youth Committees.
6. Develop collaborative partnerships with school and community youth groups.
7. Other duties as requested.

This position is required to attend monthly meetings of the local prevention coalition to share youth perspectives, as well as the quarterly Youth Advisory Board meetings of the Governor's Prevention Partnership. Meetings are online for the foreseeable future. Any required travel will be reimbursed.

Requirements:

- Substance-free young adult willing to serve as a leader and role model to youth.
- Good interpersonal skills, comfortable working with diverse populations.
- Successful experience working with middle &/or high school aged youth.
- Self-motivated, able to take initiative.
- Proficient in social media.
- Public speaking skills or interest in strengthening skills.
- Foreign language skill (Spanish or Creole) a plus.
- Graphic design skills a plus.
- Past personal or family experience with substance misuse or mental illness a plus.

To apply:

Submit cover letter and resume to Margaret Watt, Prevention Director, mwatt@positivedirections.org. In your cover letter, please tell us about yourself, including what interests you about this position, and what experience you have that is relevant.

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