Youth Peer Advocate Track 1 Job Description

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| **Position** | **Youth Peer Advocate** |
| *Reports To* | Coalition Coordinator |
| *Supervision* | Bi-Weekly with Coalition Coordinator |
| *Job Type* | 3-5 hours per week, flexible hours, work may occur on evenings and weekends |
| *Compensation* | Options:  volunteer position (no pay), volunteer position with stipend.  |
| *Career Pathway* | Opportunity to explore substance abuse prevention, mental health promotion and community organization as a career and experience entry level prevention professional position. |
| **Essential Duties** | * Work with the Coalition Coordinator to plan and implement coalition events and activities
* Attend monthly coalition meetings to share youth perspective on substance abuse and mental health promotion
* Collaborate with the Coalition Coordinator to identify new ways to reach, engage and increase youth participation in coalition activities (e.g. health fairs, awareness events, community trainings, social media and marketing campaigns, surveys and data collection)
* Represent the Coalition and participate in Coalition events and activities
* Develop collaborative partnerships with school and community youth groups
* Assist the Coordinator in establishing or expanding the Coalition’s youth committee
* Attend the Governor’s Prevention Partnership Youth Advisory Board meetings
* Act as a positive role model for peers
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| **Requirements** | * High school student of (community)
* Strong interest in and willingness to learn about substance abuse prevention, including the Strategic Prevention Framework, mental health promotion and community organization
* Ability to talk with peers about substance abuse and mental health issues
* Display interpersonal skills and ability to work with diverse populations including youth, educators, law enforcement, community leaders
* Public speaking skills or interest in developing these
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| **Benefits** | * Gain knowledge and experience in the field of substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion
* Develop communication and leadership skills
* Learn about different community organizations and community organizing strategies
* Promote community health and positive youth development
* Meet and work with other peers and adults in the prevention field
* Engage in opportunities to meet a network of prevention professionals and volunteers
* Earn community service hours and resume experience
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| **Other** | * Submit application and resume
* Complete interview with Coalition Coordinator
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Youth Peer Advocate Track 2 Job Description

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| **Position** | **Youth Peer Advocate** |
| *Reports To* | Coalition Coordinator |
| *Supervision* | Bi-Weekly with Coalition Coordinator |
| *Job Type* | 5-20 hours/week, flexible hours, work may occur on evenings and weekends |
| *Compensation* | Options:  volunteer position (no pay), volunteer position with stipend + CPS training/prep & exam, paid position at $\_/hour + CPS Training  |
| *Career Pathway* | Opportunity to explore substance abuse prevention, mental health promotion and community organization, and policy practice as a career and experience entry level prevention professional position. |
| **Essential Duties** | * Understand and appreciate the Strategic Prevention Framework
* Work with the Coalition Coordinator to plan and implement coalition events and activities
* Attend monthly coalition meetings to share youth perspective on substance abuse and mental health promotion
	+ Collect information from youth serving organizations like parks, recreation centers, schools, school boards, youth service bureaus, etc…
	+ Develop and maintain collaborative partnerships with school and community youth groups
	+ Familiarize yourself with town’s substance abuse prevention stakeholders and their positions
* Collaborate with the Coalition Coordinator to identify and strategize new ways to reach, engage and increase youth participation in coalition activities (e.g. health fairs, awareness events, community trainings, social media and marketing campaigns, surveys and data collection)
	+ Identify and organize community youth groups who will amplify the spread of the coalition’s mission and vision
* Represent the Coalition and participate in Coalition events and activities
	+ Understand the coalition’s mission and effectively communicate that mission to stakeholders
* Assist the Coordinator in establishing or expanding the Coalition’s youth committee
* Attend the Governor’s Prevention Partnership Youth Advisory Board meetings
* Act as a positive role model for peers
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| **Requirements** | * High school graduate, college student, or resident of community under the age of 25
* Strong interest in and willingness to learn about substance abuse prevention, including the Strategic Prevention Framework, mental health promotion, community organization, and policy practice
* Ability/Willingness to examine issues and subsequently develop and implement change strategies
* Ability to talk with peers about substance abuse and mental health issues
* Display interpersonal skills and ability to work with diverse populations including youth, educators, law enforcement, community leaders
* Public speaking skills or interest in developing these
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| **Benefits** | * Gain knowledge and experience in the field of substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion
* Gain an understanding and appreciation of cultural competency and practices that promote it
* Develop communication and leadership skills
* Learn about different community organizations and community organizing strategies
* Promote community health and positive youth development
* Meet and work with other peers and adults in the fields of prevention and general public health
* Engage in opportunities to meet a network of prevention and public health professionals and volunteers
* Earn community service hours and resume experience
* Preparation and/or development for Certified Prevention Specialist Exam
* Opportunity to become a Certified Prevention Specialist
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| **Other** | * Options:
	+ Submit Interest Form or Solicitation (via email, google form, etc.)
	+ Submit Cover Letter and Resume
* Complete interview with Coalition Coordinator
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