

Public Health Advocate Intern (Intern Job Description)

Agency Description

Communities Against Substance Abuse Partnership is the oldest regional community-based public health advocacy and prevention organization dedicated to substance abuse prevention in San Diego County. A 501 (c)(3), not for profit corporation since 1988, the organization has plays a leading role in addressing the root causes of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and abuse among youth and in the communities at-large. Utilizing research-based, best practices, our strategies drive environmental and community norm change through policy advocacy, community education, resident engagement, social change marketing, media advocacy and youth empowerment.

Position Description

Under the supervision of the Intern Supervisor, students will have the opportunity to work on public health campaigns targeted at reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drug problems in the community utilizing environmental prevention strategies. Students will participate in data collection, entry and analyze, research, evaluation, program planning and development, policy adoption and implementation, media advocacy and community organizing activities. Students will be given opportunities to network with a broad range of community leaders, local school districts, law enforcement, elected officials, public sector staff, concerned residents and other community-based organizations.

Job Knowledge/ Experience

- Enrolled in a program with a focus in public health, public administration, psychology, health, education, social work, business or a related major.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, with experience in public speaking
- Well organized
- Experience using Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint programs
- Professional demeanor

Responsibilities

- Participate in health fairs
- Write letters-to-the-editor, opinion editorials and newsletter articles
- Outreach and conduct educational presentations to schools and community groups
- Develop flyers, fact sheets and other community outreach materials
- Conduct periodic on and off-sale alcohol and drug paraphernalia retailer risk assessments
- Collect public opinion surveys on tobacco use and secondhand smoke
- Generate reports
- Attend regional prevention and local community meetings, as appropriate
- Research, gather and organize data related alcohol and drug use in the community, as requested.

Schedule

Minimum of 4 months, flexible schedule 8-10 hours per week, some work on weekends and weeknights.

Other Requirements

Valid driver's license, automobile registration, insurance and pre-internship drug test are required.

Compensation

Monthly stipends are not available, but intern will be compensated for any mileage due to assigned responsibilities. Interns may receive \$25 gift certificates, as available. Interns will also be given ample opportunities to participate in trainings and conferences and network with executives, elected officials, members of the media, law enforcement and school district representatives.

Contact

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