

Position Title:

Youth Advisory Board Member

Reports to:

Youth Engagement Coordinator

Summary/Objective:

The Youth Advisory Board Member will inform public health programming and suicide prevention services for Indiana youth. The Youth Advisory Board Member will make recommendations to the Indiana Department of Health and the Division of Mental Health and Addiction for improving the quality of life for youth across Indiana. Additionally, the Youth Advisory Board Member will take initiative on various state-wide and community-based projects.

Essential Responsibilities:

- Serve at least 1 full year, with the option to extend membership on the board to 2 years.
- Participate in monthly all board and subcommittee virtual meetings (minimum of 2 monthly meetings).
- Attend required one-day in person orientation.
- Provide feedback on the State Substance Abuse, Mental Health Services, Youth Suicide Prevention initiatives.
- Identify future opportunities and make recommendations for how to improve the quality of life for youth across Indiana.
- Contribute feedback on adolescent health programs and initiatives within the Indiana Department of Health.
- Create and implement meaningful projects (such as flyers, toolkits, webinars, in-person events, videos, etc.) to address emerging issues that are currently impacting youth.
- Gather and share input on youth's access to care and how their health is impacted by their community and healthcare systems.
- Determine term-year advisory board priorities and response programming for topics including adolescent health, mental health, sexual health, substance prevention, and other topics of members interests.
- Serve as experts on youth and young adult experiences.
- Support state leaders to make informed decisions on youth public health programming and policies.

Requirements:

- Youth (age 14-21) residing in Indiana.
- Ability to work collaboratively with peers.
- Demonstrate competence and understanding of unique challenges of all Indiana youth, including but not limited to youth in foster care, parenting youth, rural youth, urban youth, and youth who have experienced homelessness.
- Strong interest in public health and/or mental health.
- Clear communication and time management skills.

- Participate in at least one subcommittee reliably on a monthly basis.
- Comfort, willingness, and ability to learn, adopt, and utilize new technology.
- Excellent coordination skills, including multitasking and setting priorities on work assignments.
- Consistency checking email for essential communications from leadership.

Competencies:

- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with peers and state employees and reliably attend meetings and communicate with supervisors.
- Open to feedback and motivated to continually learn and improve.
- Accountable and ethical.
- Person-centered and empathetic.
- Motivated to serve the public.
- Ability to think strategically and at a systems level.

Difficulty of Work:

Works independently and collaboratively with peers and state employees. Requires creativity, problem-solving, and an understanding of youth related mental health and public health concerns.

Physical Effort:

Normally seated; or seated, standing, or walking at will. Requires no more than normal physical abilities such as visual or hearing acuity.

Working Conditions:

This is a remote position due to it being statewide. Some in-state travel may be optional for the position.