

TITLE: Youth Peer Advocate (Part-Time, Grant Employee)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This part-time position (8-10 hours/week) is an opportunity for a local youth or young adult to provide transformational leadership and support to young people in Stratford. The Youth Peer Advocate will promote mental health and substance use prevention through peer leadership, training, and advocacy. The position is funded through the Building Resilient Youth & Communities With Prevention (BRYC) grant, a new 5-year project that aims to prevent underage alcohol and cannabis use in Stratford. The position will renew annually contingent on grant funding.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED:

This position will report to the Prevention Coordinator.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:

- Recruit and engage Stratford youth and young adults in coalition work through the Stratford Partnership for Youth and Families (SPYF).
- Attend and support SPYF-related youth activities, which may include making presentations, collaborating to create campaigns, and sharing information and resources.
- Attend statewide monthly Youth Advisory Board (YAB) meetings, subcommittee meetings, and trainings to be able to serve as a resource in Stratford and at the state level.
- Serve as a role model and advocate to youth and young adults, providing peer education and awareness.
- Attend any required DMHAS meetings as well as Community Services staff meetings.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITIES:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated cultural responsiveness
- Organizational skills
- Growth mindset, willingness to learn.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience leading youth clubs or activities
- Experience with mental health promotion and substance use prevention preferred

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Per grant requirements, must be between the ages of 16-24

- Per grant requirements, knowledge of Stratford community required

SALARY

- \$18- \$20/ hour depending on experience

Applications can be found on the Town's website,

<http://www.stratfordct.gov/page/human-resources>

and should be submitted along with a resume (if available), to the Town of Stratford, Human Resources Department, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615 or via email to:

humanresources@townofstratford.com.

The Town of Stratford is an equal opportunity employer. Female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

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