



Organization Name:

*Arizona Youth Partnership*

Organization Background:

*AZYP was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Pima County citizens who sought to provide rural communities access to the services available in the Tucson metro area. In 2006, AZYP expanded to serve rural communities across the whole state of Arizona to solve local issues. AZYP builds a solid foundation for youth and families by partnering with Arizona communities to prevent and solve local issues such as substance abuse, youth homelessness, teen pregnancy, challenging family dynamics, and lack of educational opportunities.*

*On January 1, 2019 AZYP integrated Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (TOPS) into its organization. Since 2001, TOPS has focused on improving pregnancy and birth outcomes for pregnant adolescents. As a new program of AZYP, now known as Starting Out Right (the name of the TOPS published curriculum) we will continue to impact the health and wellness of pregnant and parenting teens and their children through education and case management services.*

Internship Project Title

*#1) Youth and Family Program Intern #2) Starting Out Right Intern*

Project Description:

*#1 As a Youth and Family Program intern with AZYP, the intern will be scheduled with various Youth and Family Educators observing the youth and family programs. During this time, the intern will have the opportunity to learn the curriculum used as well as engage with the youth and families enrolled in the program. Additionally, the intern would have the opportunity to create their own lessons/activities/lectures to be facilitated in the program they are scheduled to during the semester. The purpose of teaming interns with staff members is for the intern to get a hands-on experience working with families and youth in the community. This will give them the opportunity to see the challenges the community faces with substance use, poverty and/or challenging family dynamics. If an intern is interested in the Wake Up! diversion program, please be aware sessions are the first Saturday of each month and one of the sessions occur in the late evenings 8:00-10:00pm or 10:00-12:00am at BUMC (based on participant enrollment). Finally, interns would be able to attend community and agency trainings as they become available during the semester.*

*#2 As a Starting Out Right (SOR) student intern, the intern will be exposed to all aspects of case management service delivery, will have an opportunity to provide health education specific to the needs of pregnancy, infant and toddler health, and parent health and wellness. Additionally, the student intern will assist with special events and community outreach, which offer an opportunity for the student to experience the full range of programming the SOR program provides. The outcome of this experience includes the student gaining valuable experience that can be transitioned easily into employment within the Maternal Child Health and Health and Human Services field.*

Internship project keywords (check all that apply). These keywords help students search for internships in our database based on their areas of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Disparities                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maternal/Infant Health                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Preparedness               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco Use                                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaborations with Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Injury/Violence Prevention                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborations with University           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immunization                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community health service      | <input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Disease                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral Health                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Development                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to care                | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Planning                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Analysis                                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reproductive/Sexual Health    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health                     |                                                                                 |

When: When do you want the work done? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Fall Semester  
☐ Spring Semester  
☐ Summer Term  
☒ I want this listing to remain active indefinitely and we will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.  
☐ This listing is only for a specific semester/term: \_\_\_\_\_

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: 7575 W Twin Peaks Rd, Suite 165, Tucson, AZ 85743  
Address where Student will work (if different from above): *SOR Internship: 890 W Grant Road, Suite A, Tucson, AZ 85705*

☐ Check here if the student may have the option to work remotely from a site not listed above for all or part of this project.

Student Characteristics:

*#1 – Youth and Family Program: An interested intern should have basic knowledge about Tucson and the surrounding areas as well as knowledge of trends in substance use and relationships among teens. Intern needs to be open minded as our participants vary in SES; a person comfortable with public speaking is preferred.*

*#2 – Starting Out Right Program: The ideal student intern will have excellent interpersonal skills, confidence to promote this program out in the community, and facilitate our classes and support groups alongside our staff, and the ability to engage as a team player during the internship.*

Level of Expertise Needed: *Do you wish to request an MPH program intern or an undergraduate public health program intern? Note: The field-based internship for undergraduates should provide an experience that allows students to incorporate classroom learning into public health practice. Graduate student internships differ as the students should be required to apply advanced knowledge and skills to the solution of health problems. Both experiences prepare students for future employment.*

☐ MPH

☐ Undergraduate

☒ Either

#### Supervision

*#1 Christine Barry, BS [Christine@AZY.org](mailto:Christine@AZY.org)*

*Christine has 8 years experience in the non-profit sector as well as 4 years' experience overseeing student interns. Additionally, Christine is pursuing a master's in public health.*

*#2 Laura Pedersen, RN, MSN, [Laurap@AZY.org](mailto:Laurap@AZY.org) – Previous CEO and Founder of TOPS, Chief Initiatives Officer at AZYP. Graduate degree is in nursing education. Ms. Pedersen has been overseeing student interns since 2002.*

#### Compensation/Benefits

*Once internship is complete, if positions are available within AZYP interns are welcomed and encouraged to apply. AZYP will pay for interns to receive their finger print clearance card as well as CPR/First Aid. Finally, the supervisor is always available for future recommendations.*

#### Application Contact Information

*Interested Youth and Family Program intern should contact Christine Barry, [Christine@AZY.org](mailto:Christine@AZY.org).*

*Interested Starting Out Right Program intern should contact Laura Pedersen, [Laurap@AZY.org](mailto:Laurap@AZY.org).*

*Please email resume along with cover letter that includes a statement of why they would like to be considered for this internship opportunity.*