



Marana Prevention Alliance

Organization Name:

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Organization Background:

Marana Prevention Alliance (MPA) is a drug-free community coalition. The coalition is made up of community members that represent various sectors of the community (schools, parents, businesses, government, law enforcement, etc.) that come together for a shared goal of reducing youth substance use in Marana. The coalition started in 1997, and has evolved over the years. Currently MPA is funded with a federal grant called Drug Free Communities. For more information visit www.MaranaMPA.org.

Internship Project Title

Internship with Drug-Free Community Coalition in Marana, AZ

Project Description:

Interns may participate in an assortment of coalition activities, which focus on preventing youth use of marijuana and prescription drugs. Interns are tasked with managing the coalition social media to share information around drugs, prevention, community events, and more, with guidance from coalition coordinator. Interns are required to attend a monthly coalition meeting, typically the 4th Thursday of the month at 3:30pm. Interns are strongly encouraged to get involved with one of our afterschool middle school clubs, where interns have the opportunity to plan and/or implement activities. Many interns create brochures, posters, or other documents that we utilize for community education and events. Students are also encouraged to attend community events, Dispose-A-Meds, and coalition subcommittees, to get hands on experience around substance use prevention. Students may also attend other community events and meetings around substance use prevention in Pima County.

Marana Prevention Alliance follows SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework, so interns may have opportunities to participate in evaluation activities and data analysis, in addition to planning/implementation. Currently, MPA is focused on "lower levels" of prevention- providing information, enhancing skills, providing support, and reducing barriers. Changing consequences, physical design, and modifying policy are higher level prevention strategies that we have not yet been able to breach- we welcome student interns that are interested in this level of prevention, and would love to chat more about project ideas and proposals that would benefit our coalition and community.

Students are required to have a fingerprint clearance card and background check. The agency will pay for a fingerprint clearance card if the intern does not have one.

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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| ☐ Health Disparities | ☒ Tobacco Use |
| ☒ Public Health Preparedness | ☐ Injury/Violence Prevention |
| ☒ Collaborations with Community | ☐ Immunization |
| ☒ Collaborations with University | ☐ Infectious Disease |
| ☒ Community health service | ☐ Oral Health |
| ☒ Physical Activity | ☒ Evaluation |
| ☒ Substance Abuse | ☒ Policy Development |
| ☒ Mental Health | ☒ Program Planning |
| ☐ Access to care | ☒ Data Analysis |
| ☒ Nutrition | ☐ Other Click or tap here to enter text. |
| ☒ Reproductive/Sexual Health | |
| ☒ Environmental Health | |
| ☒ Maternal/Infant 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: 13644 N Sandario Rd., Marana, AZ 85653

Address where Student will work (if different from above): *Various locations in Marana, AZ- Northwest of Tucson*

☒ 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:

Public Health knowledge, comfort networking/talking to people, interest in public health, passion in community work.

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

Maggie Myers, Coalition Coordinator. Maggie is a MEZCOPH Alumni, graduating in 2012 with Bachelor's in Public Health, and 2014 with her MPH. Maggie has been coordinating Marana Prevention Alliance since October 2015. As a MEZCOPH Alum, Maggie believes this internship is the perfect fit for public health students.

Compensation/Benefits

MPA Interns may have opportunities to attend training or events with the coalition coordinator. If an intern does not have a fingerprint clearance card, the agency will pay for the process. There are opportunities to network among MPA members, but by attending outside meetings, additional networking opportunities (and potential jobs) may arise.

Application Contact Information

Please send an e-mail with your resume to Maggie Myers, mmyers@odcs.school, or call 520-314-3280 for more information.