



Youth Corps Youth Health Advocate

Position Summary

Position title: Youth Corps Youth Health Advocate

Wage: \$17/hr.

Reports to: Youth Engagement Coordinator

Program duration: October 16, 2023 – June 28, 2024 (37 weeks)

Time commitment: 5hrs/week, including meetings and independent work

Applications close: September 1, 2023 at 5pm PDT

Role Description

Oregon School-Based Health Alliance (OSBHA) is a statewide nonprofit organization serving as the collective voice to build a stable, effective, and accessible school-based health care system by developing school-based health centers (SBHCS). Our mission is to center youth through the expansion of school health services that shatter health and education disparities, honor youth identities and voices, and prioritize their wellness and joy. We envision an Oregon in which youth are able to access the comprehensive and culturally responsive healthcare services they need to be empowered, seen, and successful.

The Youth Corps enables OSBHA to continue to place youth in positions that create youth-adult partnerships that are indeed a partnership. The Youth Corps Internship Program creates a space where youth voices can be input from the beginning stages of each OSBHA project. Corps interns build professional development skills such as relationship and team-building, communication and public speaking, goal setting, event planning, and project management that allow them to complete project-related deliverables, listening sessions, and youth events.

As a Youth Health Advocate intern, the focal point is on tobacco prevention through peer-to-peer education, specifically through working collaboratively with school-based health centers and local counties like Clackamas and Washington County. With youth being targeted by tobacco companies, the goal is to increase youth knowledge and confidence in saying no to tobacco products by the end of the school year with the support of school-based health centers.

Intern Responsibilities

Under the guidance and mentorship of the Youth Engagement Coordinator, the Youth Health Advocate will have the support, training and education to accomplish the following objectives:

- Coordinate communications and schedules with urban and rural school-based centers
- Research on youth tobacco usage, targeted products, and implications to share the information

- Design and organize tobacco prevention outreach materials
- Develop, facilitate, and lead tobacco prevention education presentations and meetings with youth and adults
- Monitor and assist in data collection of surveys from audiences
- Collaborate with OSBHA staff and other Youth Corps interns on organization projects and events throughout the internship
- Other learning opportunities and related duties as available

Experience, Qualifications, Knowledge, Skills

- Must be a high school or college student in Oregon
- Lived experience and/or prior experience working within LGBTQ+, BIPOC, and/or additional historically marginalized communities
- Demonstrated ability to practice cultural humility, a deep commitment to equity and social justice, and passion for encouraging youth voices
- Comfortable working both independently and in a collaborative team environment to achieve goals
- Self-motivated, detail-oriented individuals with exceptional written, verbal, and organizational skills
- Flexible working in a hybrid internship requiring both virtual and in-person engagements

Values

OSBHA recognizes the value of a diverse workforce and believes a diverse work environment empowers our community. We strongly encourage all qualified candidates to apply regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, family or parental status, or religious affiliation. OSBHA employees have also developed a set of team values that define how we strive to accomplish our work and interact with each other:

- **Well-being:** We support self-care and a balanced life by respecting one another's assessment of limits and boundaries and recognize that health and well-being looks different for everyone. We celebrate successes and hold space during challenges.
- **Curiosity & Innovation:** We have a willingness to question existing systems/processes/structures, push past status quo, and engage in practices that allow for creative ways forward.
- **Discomfort:** We welcome discomfort around examining our own beliefs and knowledge of oppression and white supremacy in order to allow for growth. As a team and as individuals we will explore and support each other as we work, learn, and evolve.
- **Accountability:** We accept responsibility for our actions, follow-through with commitments, ask for help or propose revised plans when needed, and act with transparency and clarity.
- **Integrity:** We are honest and authentic with self and others, true to our convictions, and our actions match our words.
- **Trust:** We commit to building a culture where we can trust in each other's abilities and intentions, and be vulnerable enough to give and receive honest feedback.
- **Collaboration:** We work together towards our individual and collective goals and support each other by offering knowledge and skills, and flexing work flows and responsibilities as feasible.

Work Environment

This is a hybrid position. There will be virtual and in-person meetings requiring attendance. In-person engagements will be scheduled in advance. A computer is required for this internship. However, if you do not have one, OSBHA will make arrangements to ensure you have the necessary technology to complete your work. Accommodations can be made to support individuals with disabilities to perform essential duties.

To Apply

If you have questions, please email the Youth Engagement Coordinator, Asia Gates (she/her), at asia@osbha.org. If you are interested in applying to Oregon School-Based Health Alliance's Youth Corps Youth Health Advocate intern position, please send the following three attachments to asia@osbha.org by September 1st, 2023 at 5pm PDT with the subject line "Youth Health Advocate Intern":

- Resume
- Answer the following set of questions in a document
 - Which intern position are you applying for, Youth Health or Legislative Advocate or Peer Advocate?
 - How do you approach building relationships with marginalized people and communities of diverse backgrounds and identities?
 - What health issue are you most passionate about, and how does it intersect with social justice?
 - We are currently and most likely will continue to work in a virtual environment with the possibility of occasional in-person engagements. What is your experience and comfort level working remotely when engaging community partners and colleagues, facilitating meetings, giving presentations and/or trainings, or just building connections and rapport?
 - In what type of work environment do you flourish?
 - How will you prioritize this internship with everything else you have going in life?
- Three References (people who can speak who know you well enough to discuss your experience, habits, skills and character and are not related to you, i.e. teachers, mentors, coworkers, supervisors, volunteer coordinators, etc.)