



# Maine Substance Abuse Prevention Internships


## Information for Colleges and Universities

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention supports a Substance Abuse Prevention Workforce Development Workgroup.

This group aims to increase collaboration of college and university public health internships across the state with community prevention providers.

### The Substance Abuse Prevention Workforce Development Workgroup aims to:

- Strengthen communication between state/community organizations & colleges/universities to promote a streamlined process to identify internship opportunities
- Create a network of new prevention professionals in Maine
- Provide opportunities to build public health related skills in real life settings



Across the state, nonprofit agencies, public health organizations, and community coalitions partner with law enforcement, schools, parents, youth, social service agencies, businesses, volunteer/civic organizations, local and state governments, and health care providers to provide effective prevention and health promotion efforts for youth and young adults.

Public health efforts include substance abuse prevention, tobacco prevention and cessation, access to mental health services, food security, chronic disease prevention, and youth development.

### What do internships with public health agencies look like?

- Collaborate with prevention professionals to create and disseminate trainings and educational materials
- Apply skills to community based work (e.g., data analysis, social norms marketing, evaluation, media creation)
- Work with a team of dedicated professionals exploring ways to improve their communities



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