



# Maine Substance Use Prevention Internships

## Information for Colleges and Universities

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention supports a Substance Use Prevention Workforce Development Workgroup. This group aims to increase collaboration between college and university public health internship programs and community prevention providers to strengthen a pipeline of public health professionals in Maine.

### The Substance Use Prevention Internship project aims to:

- Strengthen communication between state and community organizations with colleges and universities for internship placements;
- Streamline processes to identify internship opportunities;
- Provide opportunities to build public health related skills in real life settings;
- Create a network of new prevention professionals in Maine

**Prevention is a community effort.** Across the state, community coalitions partner with law enforcement, schools, parents, youth, social service agencies, businesses and local/state governments to provide effective prevention and health promotion efforts for youth and young adults.

Community prevention efforts include **underage alcohol prevention, marijuana prevention and education, tobacco prevention and cessation, 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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