



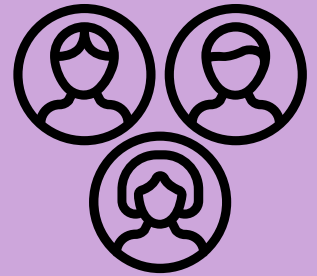
# Maine Substance Use Prevention Internships

## Information for Community Organizations

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has convened a Substance Use Prevention Workforce Development Workgroup. One task of this workgroup is to increase collaboration between institutions of higher education and substance use prevention efforts across the state, including promoting student internships.

### WHY take on an intern student?

- Create a network of new prevention professionals in Maine;
- Gain young adult perspective on prevention efforts;
- Provide opportunities to build public health related skills in real life settings for entering the field;
- Build or strengthen organizational capacity to work on new prevention projects



### How does taking on an intern student BENEFIT organizations & communities?

- Opportunities for innovative, small project work not included on work plans;
- Fosters a working relationship with area colleges and universities for future networking and internship placements;
- Train and assess capabilities of interns for vacant positions;
- Build and mentor a new work force for public health

### TIPS when taking on an intern student:

- Establish an agreement between the college or university and your organization;
- Create a thoughtful plan with a semester of potential work;
- Assess your current ability to devote the needed time and training for the intern student;
- Allow opportunities for success and growth, we learn from our mistakes



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