Youth Engagement Coordinator – Hancock and Washington Counties

Healthy Acadia, a community health coalition serving Maine’s Hancock and Washington counties, seeks an energetic individual to join a dynamic team passionate about making it easier for all people to lead healthier lives. Reporting to the Community Health Director, the Youth Engagement Coordinator fosters collaborative partnerships and engages youth and adult allies across the Downeast District (Hancock and Washington counties) to support positive youth development, trauma-informed practices, restorative practices, public health solutions, and civic engagement. The right individual must be highly motivated, be a facilitative leader, and have excellent communication, mobilization and community relations skills. Familiarity with local communities is a plus.

**Responsibilities:** Support youth engagement programs and initiatives that build young people’s resilience and strengthen youth leadership on issues of public health, social justice, and restorative practices as part of the Statewide Maine Youth Action Network (MYAN). Responsible for forming and leading a public health youth policy board; supporting school and community-based youth leadership groups within the District; and co-facilitating District-level youth group and youth-adult partnership trainings as needed with Statewide MYAN staff, youth and adults. Convene stakeholders of all sectors, provide technical assistance and nurture community leadership to create sustainable policies, systems, and environmental changes that improve health and wellness for all. May also include support for implementation of health promotion programs that prevent tobacco use and substance misuse and addiction. This position will collaborate with Healthy Acadia staff to coordinate overall youth engagement practices.

**Qualifications and Experience Sought:**
- Experience facilitating groups, with emphasis on groups of young people and adult allies.
- Knowledge of social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, and primary prevention.
- Understanding of effective youth-adult partnerships.
- Highly self-motivated, ability to work independently from office or community.
- Ability to set and keep deadlines, and to develop and follow work plan.
- Ability to work on multiple projects concurrently and to prioritize work.
- Warm, personable and approachable. Ability to work with diverse people, and to build and maintain strong working relationships with diverse partner organizations.
- Strong communication skills; ability to listen well, speak and write effectively.
- Team player with high professional standards, positive attitude, and flexibility.
- Bachelor’s degree in a related field preferred, with a minimum of 2 years of experience working with youth or public health programs or services.

This is a full-time position with competitive salary, benefits and opportunity for growth. Part-time opportunities may be considered. Position can be based in either Ellsworth or Machias, with regular travel throughout Hancock & Washington Counties required. Some statewide travel and occasional weekend and/or evening meetings expected.

**To apply:** Email in a single attached document a cover letter, resume and contact information for three professional references to: jobs@healthyacadia.org. Applications are now being accepted until a suitable candidate is found.

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