



There are many advantages to being an intern at Prevention First! In addition to gaining valuable work experience, interns leave Prevention First with greater knowledge of social work, public health, policy and the application of real-world solutions for individuals who are suffering from alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues.

The staff who work at Prevention First make interns feel welcome and vital to the work we do. Interns are work on real projects with real significance.

Here are some important points to consider:

- **Eligibility**

Qualifications vary depending upon the project, but most are for upper-level undergraduate and graduate students. Student status, however, is not a prerequisite.

- **Credit**

Prevention First does not award college credit, but many U.S. colleges and universities will recognize academic work performed while interning at Prevention First. Contact your academic advisor for instructions on how to receive credit.

- **Stipends**

Most Prevention First internships are unpaid volunteer positions.

### **Our Strength is in Our Vision**

Prevention First is committed to improving the lives of Monmouth County children so they can thrive and grow to be strong, responsible individuals in any environment.

### **Our Strength is in Our Mission**

Prevention First is a non-profit agency dedicated to strengthening the foundations of children and families by empowering them to successfully handle difficult, everyday life situations and extraordinary challenges such as violence and substance abuse.



## **Internship Program at Prevention First**

*Making Differences in Our Community*



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## WHO WE ARE

Prevention First is a non-profit community-based prevention education agency serving Monmouth County.



Since 1967, our agency has provided prevention education programs and services to schools,

businesses and community organizations to counter the negative effects of substance abuse and violence. Our Prevention Education Resource Center supplies the community with a comprehensive collection of prevention education materials such as brochures, curriculum and videos. We also offer a help line and treatment referral service.

Our training institute offers a variety of programs, providing continuing education credits, certifications, education and training to the public. We have served hundreds of thousands of individuals through a wide array of programs and services.



## WHY INTERN HERE?

Are you looking for a interesting and unique way to spend your required internship hours? If you are looking for new experiences and wanting to make a difference in your community, then interning at Prevention First is the place to be!

Our goal is to provide engaging and rewarding internships designed around Prevention First's Programs. Because of the variety of projects available, interns come to our agency with backgrounds in many different fields.

The program offers the chance to work behind the scenes and experience prevention programs first-hand while working in your chosen field.

**For more information or to schedule an interview, contact:**

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## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITITES

### Programs

- Assist educators and prevention specialists with agency programs that directly serve the community

### Grants

- Perform needs assessments for grant research
- Match needs to grant providers and assist in applying for grants

### Public Relations

- Maintain on-going dialogue with constituencies through columns/editorials in media outlets including local newspapers, radio and cable stations, etc.
- Target placements of agency messages in key media

### Events

- Work with major regional and national organizations to promote Prevention First and maximize the agency's exposure to the community at large.
- Help implement Prevention First's annual legislative event
- Participate in Prevention First's health fairs, exhibits and other special events

### Marketing

- Develop and implement a PSA campaign for delivery via local media outlets

### Additional tasks

- Conduct on-line research
- Assist with our many task forces and coalition groups