

2024-2025 P2L Community Collaboration Internship Description

Pathways2Life is a nonprofit agency focused on the prevention of substance use, crisis intervention, and support. Our office is located on North Point Parkway in Alpharetta, GA. Our vision is cultivating meaningful connections with students, parents, and stakeholders to build strong communities. Our mission is to place people of understanding to deliver individual and environmental prevention strategies throughout our communities to protect students as they move through the “Transition Zone” (the ages of 13-20) while unearthing their full potential. This will directly impact the quality of our communities for the better. Pathways2Life received an award for the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant to provide substance use prevention education and programs for students ages 14 to 18 in Johns Creek, GA through the One Johns Creek Coalition (OJC). Pathways2Life has been building a similar coalition, One Roswell, to serve the Roswell, GA community in similar ways to OJC.

One Johns Creek Coalition (OJC) and One Roswell are community-based formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration among groups or sectors of their communities. Each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community. The coalitions’ vision is to have the greater North Fulton area community free from the abuse and misuse of drugs. The mission of the coalitions’ is growing communities committed to reducing youth and young adult substance use while creating a thriving culture of wellness.

The **One Johns Creek** and **One Roswell Interns** will work with the designated coalition to support current student-led projects and/or implement new projects aligned with the current goals and campaigns of the coalition.

Pathways2Life works with Roswell High School, Centennial High School, Northview High School, Johns Creek High School, and Chattahoochee High School to provide activities that prevent substance use, provide crisis intervention, and advocate for student support.

The **Public School Initiatives** interns will work with P2L staff to plan and implement activities for their high schools that align with the No Shame campaign and offer accessible prevention and support opportunities for their peers. Northview and Chattahoochee P2L clubs will be working with this internship program.

All High School Student Interns will be responsible for assisting with the coordination of the Student Action Team (SAT); planning and coordinating environmental strategies for SAT; establishing relationships with community members and organizations to spread awareness; help plan events and be an advocate for the community; develop prevention activities in the community; assist with policy changes concerning underage drinking, underage nicotine use, opioid and marijuana use in their communities.

All High School Student Interns will receive training in the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), the 7 Strategies of Community Change, the Public Health Approach, prevention messaging, and substance use education. The interns will participate in a one-on-one interview at the start of the internship, maintain a log of activities and hours, and complete an evaluation

upon completion of the internship. The High School Intern(s) will be overseen by Kendal McMichael, Youth and Volunteer Coordinator, and supervised by additional P2L staff.

The volunteer High School Student Interns must be self-motivated with a positive attitude and willing to learn new things while having fun. The Student Internship will start with 8 weeks of training in the summer, June 4th, 2024 -July 25th, 2024. Each intern is expected to provide 5-10 hours of work each week of the summer training. The purpose of the training is to educate, equip, and empower the students to then complete 1 or more prevention project(s) during the school year. The Student Internship will end May 2025. At the end of the internship period, a recommendation letter may be provided based on performance. The supervisor may also sign off on all approved service hours logged by the intern during the internship period.

To fill out the online application, visit <https://forms.office.com/r/yzZNRpd0UC>

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