

Youth Engagement Consultant



Project Title	Youth Engagement Consultant
Project Summary	Seeking energetic, driven, and entrepreneurial student interns to help the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP) and youth.gov infuse youth-serving federal programs with youth voice and vision.
Country	United States
Agency	Health and Human Services Department
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	5

Project Description

The IWGYP works to promote coordination and collaboration across federal departments and agencies in supporting youth and young adults. The IWGYP was created by Executive Order in 2008 and involves 19 departments/agencies (for example, the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Agriculture, and Education) working together to improve programs and services for youth. The IWGYP also maintains the federal cross-cutting website on youth issues, youth.gov.

We are seeking candidates who are interested in programs, services, and policies that support the health and well-being of youth and young adults. We have a strengths-based vision for youth that acknowledges the importance of pathways to opportunity and meaningful connections. We emphasize that young people have potential to thrive, while acknowledging where they may face particular challenges and could benefit from particular types of supports. We hope to work with interns who share a similar vision.

Desired Skills Interests

Skill

- Knowledge of youth engagement strategies
- Experience with secondary (or desk) research

- Experience with website and social media platforms (non-technical)
 - Knowledge of youth development
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Additional Information

Per the IWGYP's current priorities, specific tasks could include:

- Completing an environmental scan of ongoing youth-focused programs and services across the federal government (e.g., to identify key partners and opportunities for collaboration and to better align work and initiatives)
- Completing an environmental scan of current youth-focused research and resources across the federal government (e.g., to link relevant information from other federal websites to relevant sections of youth.gov)
- Assisting in creating a dissemination plan for a research agenda on positive youth development recently developed by the IWGYP
- Guiding efforts and strategies to engage youth and young adults in the work of the IWGYP, including developing strategies to refresh the Youth Engaged 4 Change microsite of youth.gov
- Developing and reviewing content for youth.gov, including for key topics and populations (e.g., children and youth who have an incarcerated parent; youth violence prevention; adolescent development)
- Participating in monthly meetings of the IWGYP

We are also interested in candidates who would take the lead in developing new ideas and refining current ideas. Specifically, an intern would work with a team from the Children and Youth Policy Division that provides overall support for the IWGYP and youth.gov, within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Language Requirements

None