

## **QUIN Youth Advisory Board Opportunity**

### **Be the Voice. Lead the Change.**

We are recruiting one middle schooler (8<sup>th</sup> grade preferred) and high schooler (12<sup>th</sup> grader preferred) from each county (Pennington, Red Lake, Marshall, Kittson, and Roseau). Preferably one male and female, with a GPA of at least 3.0.

### **Why?**

The Healthy QUIN Counties is looking to create a Youth Advisory Board to bring passionate and motivated young people to help make decisions around programs and policies for substance use prevention. The state of Minnesota has prioritized substance use prevention, especially around cannabis to combat its legalization in 2024. The grant funding these efforts are from the cannabis substance use prevention (CSUP) grant.

### **How long? Meeting place and compensation**

Members of the Youth Advisory Board will change every year. Therefore, new youth will be selected in 2026. Youth will be compensated \$15 for each session they attend. Meetings will be held monthly via Zoom (potentially some in person). Depending on CSUP priorities, youth should dedicate somewhere between 2-8 hours a month for this position. Compensation is only for attending meetings and travelling to meetings, unless specified by overseers/moderators of the board.

### **Examples of Roles and Responsibilities**

- Providing feedback on current initiatives and programs
- Providing feedback on new initiatives and programs
- Creating and developing a youth-centered mentorship program
- Posting and being involved in our social media marketing campaign
- Joining other substances use prevention coalitions for their county
- Being a champion for youth in your community

### **Why should I apply?**

This opportunity would count as paid job experience and is crucial for future job opportunities. Many of the other duties could be counted as community service or volunteer experience. This opportunity would be applicable and would look great on resumes for future careers in medicine, public health, communication, marketing, etc. Gaining experience is a crucial part of getting future job opportunities, especially in combination with an advanced degree.

### **I am interested, what now?**

Please send your current job/volunteer experience (if any), transcripts, and parental approval. Prior to joining, the student must sign a pledge to not use substances and be a champion for other youth in the community. Below the pledge is a consent form for parents to fill out regarding being a part of the board and name, image, and likeness of their youth. If parents opt out for having their child's name and image on the website, it does not automatically disqualify youth

from being a part of the advisory board. However, if the parent does not fill out the form, youth cannot be a part of the board. There will be a dedicated page for this board on the website and involvement in social media, so parent approval is needed. Additionally, youth will need to write about how substance use has affected their life and community in one page, double spaced. Pledge and essay prompt will be provided. Send the following documents and essay to [magriechen@penningtonmn.gov](mailto:magriechen@penningtonmn.gov), an overseer/moderator of this board. Those selected will be contacted via email or phone number.