



KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ACADEMIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT NAME: Updating Substance Use Prevention LifeSkills Curriculum
SEMESTER: Winter 2017
PRECEPTOR: Aaron Toffoli

DESCRIPTION: Botvin LifeSkills Training is an evidence-based substance use prevention program which Public Health Educators at Kent County Health Department have implemented in various elementary and middle schools for several years. Please go to the Botvin LifeSkills Training website (www.lifeskillstraining.com) to learn about the program. The intern will assist the Preceptor and other Health Educators with reviewing the newest version of the LifeSkills curriculum in order to maintain the fidelity of our program, while increasing relevancy to students from many cultural backgrounds. Opportunities to observe LifeSkills lessons in various settings and teach lessons with assistance of Health Educators will be given. A high degree of creativity, organization, attention to detail and understanding of teaching methods/theories is needed to excel with the project. This project requires 12 hours per week throughout the semester.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES: Key deliverables for this project will include data analysis of LifeSkills surveys, research regarding trends of substance use among middle school students in our community, research and identification of activities to supplement the LifeSkills curriculum, and the delivery of LifeSkills lesson plans to middle school students.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Students applying for this internship should be enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree program. Computer proficiency is required. Experience with public speaking and presentation delivery preferred.

COMPETENCIES: The student selected for this internship opportunity should expect to develop public health skills and competencies in the following categories:

- Analytical and Assessment Skills
- Policy Development and Program Planning Skills
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Competency Skills
- Community Dimensions of Practice Skills
- Public Health Science Skills
- Financial Planning and Management Skills
- Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills