# New Orleans Health Department Internship Program Internship Opportunity Description Summer 2024



# Sexual Assault Projects Internship (SUM24-11-U)

#### **Position Overview:**

This internship will provide students interested in domestic and sexual violence prevention the opportunity to work on public health driven initiatives at NOHD.

As a component of NOHD's Community Health Improvement Plan's (CHIP) Violence Prevention Working Group, the person in this role will assist with our gun safety initiative. This initiative is a partnership with Children's Hospital New Orleans to provide education about gun safety, encourage secure gun storage, and distribute biometric gun lock boxes to community members. This internship will focus on evaluating measures of program success by collecting and analyzing survey data, as well as the opportunity to participate in additional aspects of the program such as administrative work and gun safe giveaways.

One project of this internship will be to support the Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team (DAFR), whose mission is to conduct detailed reviews of family and intimate partner violence related deaths in a multidisciplinary, confidential, and culturally sensitive manner, using the information learned to develop comprehensive recommendations for improved system and social structural responses with the goals of enhancing safety for survivors and the community, while holding offenders accountable. Work will involve collecting and reviewing data from various sources, such as court and media records, organizing and inputting information, and assisting with the development of case summaries.

This position will also have the opportunity to participate in the DV/SA Action Coalition and Campus Coalition meetings. The Action Coalition is a group of community partners working in the field of domestic and sexual violence prevention that meets to network, review standard best practices, and exchange resource information. The Campus Coalition is a group of representatives from local higher education providers to improve prevention and responses for domestic and sexual violence on campus. The intern would have the opportunity to support projects related to these groups, such as community partner outreach, public-facing resource development, and training design.

Additional work opportunities within the field of domestic and sexual violence prevention will also be available depending on department need and intern interest, such as social media and communications content development.

This internship is an unpaid position.

This is a hybrid position, maintaining 2 hours a week in office at 1300 Perdido Suite 8E16, New Orleans, LA 70112.

#### **Intern Supervision:**

Supervisor Name: Jordan Pedalino

• Supervisor Title: Sexual Assault Project Specialist

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### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Contribute to research, data collection, and abstraction for the Domestic Abuse Fatality Review
- Identify and propose opportunities for improvement of sexual assault awareness on local higher education campuses in coordination with the DV/SA Campus Coalition
- Provide operational and outreach support for the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Action Coalition
- Develop service industry training and curriculum.
- Support DV/SA social media communication efforts.

### **Sample Activities:**

- Researching and collecting data on recent domestic violence homicides, focusing on maternal mortality
- Develop resources for college students in partnership with the DV/SA Campus Coalition
- Take the notes and develop the minutes for the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Action Coalition, identify new partners and training opportunities.
- Design program training curriculum.
- Create social media postings for sexual assault awareness.

## **Desired Qualifications:**

- Organized and self-driven
- Proficient in the use of Microsoft Suite including Outlook, PowerPoint, and Excell
- Proficient in utilizing social media for public health messaging.
- Interested in addressing domestic and sexual violence as a public health issue.
- Graduated or working on a degree in public health, or related field.

### **Compensation:**

• This position is unpaid.

#### **Resources Available:**

• Workstation, laptop, and office supplies