

WI PATCH Teen Consultant Program

Job Description for Paid Position!



What is PATCH?

PATCH stands for Providers and Teens Communicating for Health. At PATCH we want all youth to be healthy, connected, and thriving. That's why we work to improve adolescent health and wellbeing alongside and in true partnership with youth!

What is the PATCH Teen Consultant Program (formerly known as the Youth Advocacy Fellowship)?

We believe that health care practices, programs, and policies should be developed with young people rather than for them and want to create a space for teens and adolescent health professionals to come together and learn from one another. As a PATCH Teen Consultant, youth will be **employed** (hired, trained, and PAID for this work), **educated** (attend weekly meetings to learn about adolescent health and build skills) and **empowered** (apply the knowledge and skills learned to create change throughout Wisconsin).

Qualifications:

- Live in Wisconsin.
- Be 14 - 19 years old.
- Be open-minded and willing to learn.

Expectations:

- Arrive on time and ready to participate in all virtual meetings and events.
- Actively engage in weekly Zoom meetings.
- Interest in sharing your perspective and feedback with consulting clients in virtual, focus-group style meetings.
- Strong Communication Skills:
 - Checking e-mail at least once per day.
 - Consistent communication with Coordinator.
- Provide teen voice and act as a teen representative at community events and conferences.
- Be a reliable source of information for other teens.
- Advocate for change in your community and health care systems.

Requirements:

As a Teen Consultant, youth must commit to the entire 10-month Program (August 2024- May 2025). There are three required components:

1. **Training:** Teen Consultants will attend two virtual training sessions on Zoom and a 3-day, in-person training. The two virtual sessions will be an introduction to the PATCH program, the Teen Consultant role, and preparation for our in-person time together. The weekend training will focus on building community and learning about adolescent health. All expenses are covered by PATCH.
 - a. Virtual Training Session #1- **Tuesday August 6th from 6pm – 8pm**
 - b. Virtual Training Session #2- **Tuesday August 13th from 6pm – 8pm**
 - c. In-Person Training Event (Madison, WI)- **Friday, August 16th through Sunday, August 18th**

2. **Enrichment Meetings:** After completing training, Teen Consultants will meet weekly via Zoom from August 2024 through May 2025. Youth will learn about important adolescent health topics (such as mental health, sexual health, LGBTQ+ health, health inequities, and much more) from community experts. Meetings will also provide space to engage in discussions, learn skills (such as public speaking, time management, self-advocacy, etc), practice civic health, and work together on changemaking efforts. Enrichment meetings will be **Tuesdays from 6:00-7:15 pm on Zoom.**
3. **Consulting Sessions:** Youth will share their opinions and perspectives in virtual, focus-group style meetings where organizations and people working on projects that impact youth share their work and gather feedback and input from Teen Consultants. 1-2 sessions are scheduled per month. **Consulting sessions are scheduled in the evening on various weekdays.**

What will I gain?

Teen Consultants will gain valuable leadership experience, improved communication and presentation skills, access to interesting and up-to-date health information, professional mentorship, an opportunity to use your voice to create statewide change, and statewide connections to expand your network.

Pay: All Teen Consultants will be paid \$125 for completing pre-training and in-person training, and \$12/hour for enrichment meetings, consulting opportunities, and work on the advocacy learning series. Most Teen Consultants work 6-10 hours per month.

How to Apply?

Visit www.wipatch.org to complete the application. Application questions can be answered in written format or via video or audio responses. ****Applications are due by June 9th!****