

Center For Substance Abuse Prevention 2011–2013 Prevention Fellowship Program



PREVENTION
Fellowship Program

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is accepting applications for the 2011–2013 **Prevention Fellowship Program**.

The **Prevention Fellowship Program** seeks qualified individuals who are looking for professional growth in the field of substance abuse prevention. Fellows receive a yearly stipend of *up to \$35,000*, with a geographic adjustment to a GS-5 equivalent salary, and will be required to work 32 hours per week. These individuals will be assigned to a mentor from participating State agencies throughout the United States and U.S. Pacific Jurisdictions. (Visit the application Web site at www.seiservices.com/SAMHSA/csap/preventionfellowship for a list of participating States and US Pacific Jurisdictions). Fellows are accepted on a location basis pending the site of the State agency.

Program Summary

The SAMHSA CSAP Prevention Fellowship Program was launched in 2006 in an effort to build a workforce of substance abuse professionals. During the 2-year fellowship program, which combines Web-based and in-person trainings, fellows improve their skills and their knowledge of prevention practices. They focus on acquiring the necessary skills for success in the fields of public and behavioral health.

The Prevention Fellowship Program prepares fellows for International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) certification as substance abuse prevention specialists. This professional development program allows fellows to

- work in State agencies while being supported by State agency mentors;
- receive prevention training and professional development training;
- learn a set of core competencies in preparation for the Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) exam;
- develop management and leadership skills; and
- prepare for potential opportunities within the prevention field.

Working closely with mentors and other leading professionals in the prevention field, fellows undertake projects that help them gain the skills and knowledge necessary to develop and implement state-of-the-art prevention practices. Together, the fellow and the mentor develop a Fellowship Accomplishment Plan (FAP) that identifies a core set of well-defined assignments and trainings with associated milestones, objectives and outcomes. Hands-on experience is reinforced by intensive online and in-person training that focuses on the defined core competencies of the Prevention Fellowship Program. In addition to building competencies in diverse areas of public and behavioral health practice, fellows have the opportunity to develop critical research, writing, evaluation, and presentation skills within a structured training program.

Qualifications

Individuals seeking selection into the Prevention Fellowship Program must meet the following criteria and provide associated documentation:

- U.S. Citizenship or U.S. Territories and Pacific Jurisdictions residency;
- At least two (2) years of college from an accredited academic institution and a minimum of two (2) years paid work experience in public health, behavioral health, clinical or social science areas; or a Bachelors degree or higher from an accredited college or university with an emphasis in public health, behavioral health, clinical or social science areas;
- two letters of recommendation;
- a detailed essay of 500 words or less on why the candidate should be selected for the fellowship and how the selection would support his or her career goals; and
- a strong interest in the substance abuse prevention field.

How To Apply

Applications will be accepted from eligible candidates beginning on **Monday, July 11, 2011** and ending **Wednesday, August 31, 2011**. To apply, complete and submit the online application, which is available at www.seiservices.com/SAMHSA/csap/preventionfellowship

For additional information, please contact the Prevention Fellowship Program at (240) 485-1700, ext. 3287 or e-mail preventionfellowship@seiservices.com.

Applicants will be notified of their selection status on or before **Friday, September 9, 2011**. Selected candidates are tentatively expected to begin the **Prevention Fellowship Program** on Monday, September 26, 2011.

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