

# Frequently Asked Questions (For Applicants)

## Welcome!

To schedule an informational interview or ask any additional questions please contact:

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### **Q: Where can I find the application?**

A: Applications can be found [here](#).

### **Q: When is the application for Cohort 8 due?**

A: 11:59pm PST on July 26th, 2021.

### **Q: Is this a paid fellowship?**

A: Yes! This is a full-time position with an hourly pay of \$23.50 + benefits.

### **Q: How long is the fellowship?**

A: 10 months.

### **Q: What is the timeline for Cohort 8?**

A:

- Phase 1 (September – November): Fellows will be based in Olympia, WA under the mentorship of staff at the WA State Health Care Authority's Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery (DBHR) – Prevention. In phase 1, Fellows will learn about prevention and the ins and outs of state government, building skills in project management, administration, and providing technical assistance to prevention providers.
- Phase 2 (December – February): Fellows will be placed in a CPWI Community Coalition under the mentorship of a Coalition Coordinator. In phase 2, Fellows will learn the ins and outs of a community-based coalition/organization: project implementation, local/county government administration, and community organization. Fellows will be expected to move to the location of their Phase 2 CPWI Community Coalition.
- Phase 3 (March – June): Fellows will be placed in a community that has yet to establish a CPWI Community Coalition. In phase 3, Fellows are tasked with helping start a community coalition or school-based prevention services with the support of staff at DBHR and Washington State University. Fellows will be expected to move to the location of their Phase 3 placement site.

### **Q: When are Information Sessions for the DBHR Prevention Fellowship?**

A: Information Sessions will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and July 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00-11:00am. Please note; attendance is not required to apply for the DBHR Prevention Fellowship but is strongly recommended. If you are interested in attending an information session, please reach out to Kelley and Clara. Their emails can be found at the top of this email.



### **Q: How will COVID-19 Impact the DBHR Prevention Fellowship?**

**A:** Should COVID-19 restrictions still be in place in your community, the Fellow may be mentored virtually, with the agreement of all parties. The Fellows are provided with laptop and a cell phone from DBHR to carry out daily job functions whether in person or remote. DBHR will provide COVID-19 guidance documents if restrictions are still in effect.

### **Q: What are you looking for in a DBHR Prevention Fellow?**

**A:**

- Individuals who have or are working towards a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (including but not limited to public health, public policy, social work, sociology, psychology, human development).
- Individuals who are interested in an intensive, hands-on learning experience in substance abuse prevention and health promotion services.
- Individuals who have experience providing training to culturally diverse audiences on prevention and health promotion topics.
- Individuals who have effective communication skills.
- Individuals who are willing to travel within and across Washington State.
- Individuals who are willing and have the ability to work non-standard hours.

### **Q: What will I be doing as a DBHR Prevention Fellow?**

**A:**

- Gain and reinforce knowledge of prevention science, substance use prevention, and mental health promotion.
- Participate in statewide prevention trainings which can help to qualify you for a Certified Prevention Professional Certificate.
- Gain experience in strategic planning, program design, implementation, and contract and program management.
- Assist with policy and programmatic development for Washington State.
- Provide technical assistance to communities throughout Washington State.
- Engage in community level work and increase capacity for community-based leadership.

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