

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Title:

Regional Youth Engagement Coordinator
Central Pines Regional Council
Durham, NC / Hybrid

Who We Seek:

Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) is seeking a driven and communicative Regional Youth Engagement Coordinator to join our team. This position is funded under the Youth Homelessness System Improvement grant program, awarded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In this role, you will have the chance to work with a multiagency collaborative spanning four counties, to assist with the elevation of youth voices, development of leadership opportunities for youth, and creation of Youth Action Boards at a local and regional level. You will play an impactful role in mitigating barriers that prevent youth from obtaining and maintaining stable housing. We are encouraging all individuals with lived experience and/or experience working with young people to apply.

This position is 25 to 30 hours per week, through January 31, 2027, with the potential to run longer based on project funding. This position will require some evening and weekend work hours.

Description of Work:

This position will work alongside local and regional Youth Action Boards (YABs) to implement and manage improvements to the Coordinated Entry System (CES) on a local and regional scale, specifically tailored for youth experiencing homelessness. The regional CES is a collaborative effort involving multiple partners across Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties. The primary goal of this position is to elevate the voices of youth with lived experience, improve the overall response system for youth in crisis, work with local agencies to ensure youth receive timely and appropriate services, and develop and refine infrastructure around a regional CES that serves youth. Activities may include:

1. Capacity Building and Leadership Development:
 - Coordinate initiatives that foster the personal and professional development of youth with lived experience and channel their work into efforts that support youth in the homelessness system.
 - Build capacity for YABs within the region.
 - Build upon strategies that encourage strong leaders who champion youth homelessness prevention and intervention.
2. Assist with the recruitment of Youth with lived experience to serve on YABs and serve as a liaison between project partners, Central Pines Regional Council, and the YABs. Attendance will be required at all YAB meetings.

3. Lead planning and implementation of YAB activities, regular meetings, and special events and trainings with youth members.
4. Support YAB members with building out projects, connecting to needed resources, partners, and trainings, promotion of projects, and building outreach and engagement skills.
 - Develop training materials and presentations.
 - Coordinate cohesion between regional YABs and local YABs across the four counties.
5. Community Engagement:
 - Engage with community members, advocates, and organizations to raise awareness about youth homelessness.
 - Assist with partnerships that strengthen the overall response system.

All the above activities must comply with our workplan approved by HUD, but also must be pursued with the goal of developing and implementing long-term, sustainable solutions and partnerships that address youth homelessness in the region. This position will require some regional travel to attend meetings and perform work in locations around the CPRC region.

Required Skills: Superb communication (writing, speaking), interpersonal, and consensus-building skills are imperative, as well as the ability to assess the needs of individuals and to develop creative solutions to address those needs. The person must be self-motivated, diligent, able to lead and oversee the work with limited direct supervision. Experience in homeless services, youth programs, and/or candidates with lived experience are highly encouraged to apply.

Compensation: \$22 per hour through April 2026.

Benefits: This position does not qualify for benefits; however, CPRC offers flexible work schedules and a hybrid working environment.

Our organization:

CPRC is a member-driven organization serving as a leading resource to connect communities and enhance their strategic priority outcomes through regional policy, collaboration, and technical assistance at the local, regional, and state level. See the kind of work we do and learn read more about CPRC's vision, mission, organizational principles, core values, and strategic focus areas at www.centralpinesnc.gov.

How to Apply:

Send completed application package (cover letter and resume) by email to employment@centralpinesnc.gov with the subject Youth Engagement Coordinator.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Position is open until filled; initial review of applications begins December 20, 2024.

CPRC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and designated Best Workplace for Commuters.