

Addiction Policy Research Internship

Partnership to End Addiction is a national nonprofit that improves outcomes for adolescents and young adults by empowering those who support them. We provide families with free digital coaching, train professionals in evidence-based approaches, and equip communities with resources. With decades of expertise, the Partnership addresses addiction at every level – from coaching individual families to paving the way for system-wide change. Learn more at drugfree.org.

We are seeking a Rutgers University student interested in learning more about our work and acquiring skills and experience by assisting in activities designed to improve the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of substance use and addiction. This position offers a student the opportunity to learn research and policy skills from an experienced professional staff and to put those skills to use to improve the health and well-being of children, families, and communities.

Partnership to End Addiction has close ties to Rutgers University and recently established a partnership with the Rutgers Addiction Research Center (RARC). The selected intern will have the opportunity to connect with the RARC.

The intern will be supervised by the Director of Policy and the Senior Vice President of Prevention Research and Policy. The unpaid internship is for the Fall semester for 120 hours over 10 weeks from September through December for academic credit through the Rutgers Internship and Co-Op Course (RICC). This internship will be remote. There may be one or two opportunities throughout the internship to come to Partnership's New York City office, but it will not be required.

This internship would address the NACE core competencies of: career & self-development, communication, critical thinking, professionalism, and teamwork.

Responsibilities:

The student will learn new skills by assisting the prevention and policy team with tasks that may include:

- Conducting literature reviews, landscape reviews, and other research
- Participating in designing surveys and analyzing results
- Conducting stakeholder interviews/listening sessions
- Developing policy recommendations
- Drafting reports and journal articles

Specifically, the intern would have the opportunity to work primarily on one or more of three projects, offering varied responsibilities and tasks and learning opportunities on a variety of topics:

- Prevention landscape reviews
 - Partnership to End Addiction is conducting reviews of substance use prevention efforts in New Jersey and North Carolina and developing policy recommendations to improve current practices.
 - The intern may assist with activities including: research and analysis on state prevention programs and policies; conducting interviews with key stakeholders; development of policy recommendations; and drafting of the reports.
- Opioid settlement fund tracking and tools
 - Partnership to End Addiction is analyzing state and local spending of opioid settlement funds on substance use prevention and creating tools to assist localities in effectively spending limited amounts of funds.
 - The intern may assist with activities, including coding expenditure data; drafting a journal article; researching examples of state/local funding; and creating resources.
- Kratom project
 - Partnership to End Addiction is beginning a project to build the evidence base on kratom through a review of the scientific literature and available surveillance data, a survey of healthcare providers, an analysis of the state policy landscape, and the development and dissemination of a research and policy report.
 - The intern would assist with activities, including drafting and fielding a survey of health care providers; analyzing survey results; conducting a literature review; researching state policies; and drafting a report.

Qualifications:

- The candidate should have strong research and analytical capabilities, excellent writing and communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office programs and an interest in substance use and addiction.

To Apply: Please email your cover letter and resume to employment@toendaddiction.org or submit through Handshake.

Partnership to End Addiction is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to building a work environment that will ensure the success of our employees

and the fulfillment of our mission. Our goal is to seek qualified candidates from a variety of backgrounds with different perspectives and skills, so that we can successfully reach and serve everyone in need of our services and resources.