

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 7 due?

A: 11:59pm PST on April 19th, 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 7?

A:

- Phase 1 (June – August): Fellows will be based in Olympia, WA under the mentorship of staff at the WA Healthcare Authorities 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 subcontractors.
- Phase 2 (September – November): 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 (December – March): 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 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 April 15th 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. and April 16th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. 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/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 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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