



Role Description – Youth For Change Coalition Member

THE ORGANIZATION

Children First's North Star goal is for all people and organizations in St Louis Park, MN to be knowledgeable, strategically aligned and actively involved in increasing positive outcomes for children and youth, ensuring that kids feel included, valued and deeply connected to our caring community.

Park Partnership for Success is Children First's bold and innovative data-informed, cross-sector cradle to career partnership closing the race, ethnicity and poverty opportunity gaps so that all kids in St. Louis Park, MN can realize their brilliance. Our partners work collectively to improve the success of students and enrich the talent pipeline in our community. This position is critical to the success of our mission.

A FEW CRITICAL DETAILS

- Pay rate: \$16 per hour
- Term of employment: June 10 - August 30, 2024, estimated 9 hours per week plus potential for a few extra hours per week
- Flexibility to take unpaid leave during the summer
- Link to application: <https://forms.gle/Lgyq9KJ4Uf8hYE7b8>
- Deadline for PRIORITY application screening: **April 26, 2024**

THE ROLE

Children First is looking for dedicated youth who aspire to be strong leaders and want to create positive change in their community. As a member of the Youth For Change Coalition (Y4CC) you will play an important role in creating strategies to make life better for youth in SLP with a focus on mental wellness and equity. You will work with other youth and our coaches to analyze challenges and opportunities for positive change.

Summer Coalition members will be taking over from the group that met during the school year. The goal that summer Coalition members will work toward is **reducing suicidal ideation in SLP youth by ensuring that all middle and high school aged youth in SLP are mentally thriving and have hope for a fulfilled life.** Through this position you will gain leadership skills and have the opportunity to make a positive impact on your community.

There will also be other duties as assigned. We have some summer programs that will need help at key times including the Parktacular Festival (*Saturday, June 15*), Trail of Small Wonders workshops (*June 20 & 23 and July 3*) and kick off event (*July 8*), and the SLP Summer Reading Festival (*August 11-17*).

REPORTS TO: Children First staff

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Help develop strategies to address disparities in how systems in our community treat different youth,
- Begin implementation of those strategies,
- Continue any additional needed analysis of data and root causes of disparities between different groups of youth,
- Active participation in meetings and discussions,
- Communicate and collaborate with other youth, different stakeholders and community organizations to achieve shared goals and tackle community challenges,

- Contribute to the publication of a White Paper on the state of youth in SLP,
- Advocate for youth voice and leadership in community initiatives.

SKILLS WE ANTICIPATE THAT YOU WILL GAIN FROM THIS ROLE

- Communication skills
- Event and project planning skills
- Key leadership competencies
- Collaboration skills with other youth to create change within your community
- Networking and relationship building
- Civic engagement by committing to make a positive impact on your community

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