



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

- Term of position: Mid October 2024 - Mid May 2025
- Meet twice a month for an estimated 1-2 hours
- Link to application: <https://forms.gle/YxbGuMHMNfctZvAFA>
- Deadline for PRIORITY application screening: Sep.13th by 11:59 pm

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 implementing 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.

School year Y4CC members will continue the work of the summer Y4CC members by implementing strategies the summer members created. The goal that school year Y4CC 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 role you will gain leadership skills and have the opportunity to make a positive impact on your community.

REPORTS TO: Children First staff

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Begin implementing strategies to address disparities in how systems in our community treat different youth,
- 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,
- 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

For more information, contact Marla Destache at marla@children-first.org or 612-810-8413.