



Coalition & Youth Engagement Manager

Help Shape the Future of Mat-Su Youth

Thrive Mat-Su is seeking an energetic, relationship-driven Coalition & Youth Engagement Manager to help build a healthier future for young people across the Mat-Su Borough. This position combines community leadership, coalition building, youth engagement, event coordination, and prevention initiatives to create opportunities where every young person can thrive.

As part of the United Way of Mat-Su team, you'll work alongside youth, schools, nonprofits, businesses, tribal organizations, healthcare providers, and community leaders to strengthen protective factors, reduce youth substance misuse, and expand opportunities for young people to connect, lead, and succeed.

At Thrive, we believe young people thrive when they have caring relationships, meaningful opportunities, positive connections, and a strong sense of belonging. Every program we lead is designed to help youth discover their strengths and build a healthy future.

In this role, you will:

- Build partnerships across the Mat-Su community.
- Coordinate Thrive's community coalition and prevention initiatives.
- Plan and deliver engaging and fun youth events, programs and community experiences.
- Create meaningful leadership opportunities for youth.
- Support grant-funded projects through planning, evaluation, and reporting.
- Help tell Thrive's story through outreach and communications.

Key Responsibilities

Coalition Development, Partnerships & Community Engagement

- Facilitate coalition meetings, committees, and workgroups.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with community partners.
- Support implementation of Thrive's strategic priorities.
- Represent Thrive Mat-Su throughout the community and in regional and statewide wellness coalitions.
- Assist in developing risk and protective factor focused prevention plans and strategies.
- Track participation, outcome data, and support evaluation and grant reporting.

Youth Programs, Engagement & Leadership Development

- Coordinate innovative youth leadership, prevention, and engagement programs that foster belonging, leadership, and healthy decision making.
- Organize and support youth-led initiatives, youth events, youth activities, day camps, workshops, service-learning projects, leadership opportunities, career exploration, skill development, and community engagement activities. Ensure Thrive youth programs and activities reflect student interests and needs.
- Champion authentic youth leadership by ensuring young people help shape programs, events, coalition priorities and community initiatives.
- Assist with program budgets, purchasing and event expenses. Supervise, mentor and support Thrive staff, volunteers, and contractors.

Communications & Outreach

- Assist in developing content for newsletters, social media, and community outreach efforts.
- Promote coalition activities, events, and prevention messaging.
- Maintain regular communication with coalition members and stakeholders.
- Celebrate and elevate youth achievements through community recognition, storytelling, and public outreach.

Qualifications & Competencies

- Bachelor's degree in a related field preferred but not required.
- Experience coordinating programs, projects, volunteers, or community initiatives.
- Creativity, enthusiasm, and integrity in leading youth-centered initiatives.
- Strong relationship-building and communication skills.
- Ability to work effectively with youth, families, and diverse community stakeholders.
- Strong organizational and time-management skills.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, and virtual meeting platforms.
- Experience working in prevention, public health, youth development, education, or nonprofit organizations.
- Knowledge of positive youth development, prevention science, or community coalition models.
- Familiarity with the Mat-Su community and local resources.
- Collaborative problem-solver
- Initiative, dependable, flexible, and resourceful.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds for events and program activities.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule including some evenings and weekends.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and remain calm under pressure

Position Details

Salary Range: \$45,000- \$60,000 DOE

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt

Benefits:

Paid holidays

Flexible schedule

Health stipend

Professional development opportunities

Collaborative, mission-driven team

Opportunity to make a lasting impact in the Mat-Su community

Success in this role means building strong partnerships, creating engaging opportunities for youth, and helping Thrive's coalition continue to grow its impact throughout the Mat-Su. If you're passionate about helping young people discover their strengths, building meaningful community partnerships, and creating opportunities that make a lasting difference, we'd love to hear from you.