



## PART-TIME JOB DESCRIPTION

**Title:** Youth Peer Advocate

**Project:** Building Resilient Youth and Communities With Prevention

**Organization:** Positive Directions on behalf of the Westport Prevention Coalition

**Reports to:** BRYC Program Coordinator at Positive Directions

**Job Type:** 8 hours/week

**Project Start Date:** July 2026 (contingent upon state agency process)

This part-time position is an opportunity for a local youth or young adult interested in supporting Westport youth in being mentally strong and substance-free through peer leadership, training, and advocacy. The position is funded through the Building Resilient Youth & Communities With Prevention (BRYCWP) grant, a new 5-year project that aims to prevent underage alcohol and cannabis use among Westport youth. The position will renew annually.

### Essential Duties:

1. Recruit and engage Westport youth and young adults in coalition work (WPC, Teen Awareness Group, Westport Night Out).
2. Attend and support WPC-related youth activities, which may include making presentations, collaborating to create campaigns, and sharing information and resources.



3. Attend statewide monthly Youth Advisory Board (YAB) meetings, subcommittee meetings, and trainings to be able to serve as a resource in Westport and at the state level.
4. Serve as a role model and advocate to youth and young adults, providing peer education and awareness.
5. Attend any required DMHAS meetings as well as Positive Directions staff meetings.

**Requirements:**

- Age 16 through 24
- Substance-free (if minor)
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Experience leading youth clubs or activities
- Organized
- Knowledge of Westport community strongly preferred (e.g., town resident)

Compensation: \$17/hour, paid time off + holidays, retirement contribution

To apply: Submit *cover letter* and *resume* to Margaret Watt at [mwatt@positivedirections.org](mailto:mwatt@positivedirections.org).  
No calls, please.

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