



Internship Announcement for EverThrive Illinois

EverThrive Illinois' mission is to improve the health of women, children, and families over the lifespan through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, education, and advocacy. We envision an Illinois that prioritizes equity and social justice, fosters the development of healthy families, and provides fair access to quality health care - the basic rights of all human beings. We work to achieve this vision through the following initiatives:

- [Child and Adolescent Health Initiative](#) - focuses on providing the state's youth with high quality health care, education, and engagement opportunities. To this end, EverThrive Illinois convenes and supports the Illinois School Based Health Alliance, while also partnering with the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide training and technical assistance to the state's 66 School Health Centers statewide.
- [Immunization Initiative](#) - focuses on increasing immunization rates and decreasing the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease across the lifespan by promoting the delivery of safe, effective, and timely immunizations. We do this work in partnership with the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, and the work includes provider and consumer education and outreach, targeted training on a host of immunizations, and monitoring and promoting policies that increase immunizations statewide.
- [Maternal and Infant Mortality Initiative](#) - works to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes. . . We advocate for policies that promote maternal and infant health, engage and empower medically underserved communities to advocate on issues impacting health, and provide technical assistance and maternal and child health education to partners and stakeholders across the state. EverThrive Illinois currently convenes advisory councils to the state on maternal child health, and specifically on the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) in babies born with an opioid addiction.
- [Healthy Lifestyles Initiative](#) - provides outreach, education, and programming to inspire individuals to become proactive in improving their health through healthy and affordable cooking. Further, we advocate for policies that will protect the health of vulnerable populations and work to end food scarcity and hunger in Illinois.
- [Health Reform Initiative](#) - devoted to the promotion and implementation of positive health care reform policies and the strengthening of Medicaid and other safety net systems at the state and federal levels. This work focuses both on legislative as well as administrative advocacy; following newly created laws in to implementation that works for consumers. Ultimately, our advocacy efforts aim to provide every individual with high quality, comprehensive health care.
- Our [Policy and Advocacy](#) work runs throughout our programmatic priority areas through a full-time presence in our state's capitol, as well as strategic partnerships with state and national health care reform advocates and leaders. We work on both administrative as well as legislative policy improvements on programs that support the health and well-being of women, children and communities.

EverThrive Illinois seeks interns to assist staff in achieving the goals of these initiatives.

Intern projects may include:

- Support the Immunization team to help research and promote best practices related to immunization, assist with the development of an immunization education curriculum, and assist with the development of a pro-vaccine social media campaign.
- Coordinate key stakeholders statewide in an effort to establish a collective impact approach to reduce maternal and infant mortality in Illinois under the direction of our Director of Maternal and Infant Mortality.
- Help create and disseminate education materials for consumers explaining changes to Illinois' Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, (effective January 2018).
- Establish a qualitative data collection strategy and system across all initiatives at EverThrive Illinois to fuel and strengthen our policy and advocacy efforts.
- Work with the Health Reform team to help defend the Affordable Care Act, with a particular focus on proposed changes that would diminish the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Support our Communications Manager to translate a newly adopted organizational strategic plan into a compelling marketing and messaging campaign that will ultimately expand EverThrive Illinois' presence and brand.
- Working with the Child and Adolescent team, develop and monitor an interactive listserv platform to provide information and resources to the Illinois School Health center field.

- Work with our Director of Policy and Advocacy to establish a system to monitor and impact administrative policy proposals across all state agencies who administer health/public health programs serving women, children and families.

General Learning Objectives:

- To gain or increase knowledge in the maternal and child health field including: learning about resources, and health-related policies affecting families, current health related statistics, and understanding the value of local and statewide coalitions and partnerships..
- To strengthen written communication and research skills
- To enhance problem solving skills
- To understand the state and federal policy making processes, and to identify key strategies to impact that process
- To experience working in a team-focused and advocacy-oriented non-profit professional environment.
- To better understand the relationship between programs and health policy, and the role local communities' play in identifying priorities and implementation strategies.
- To understand strategies to increase access to quality health care for Medicaid recipients; especially women and children.
- To appreciate the power of consumer engagement in effective policy and advocacy.

Requirements and Qualifications:

- Interest in public health or community health
- Well-developed writing and analytical skills
- Strong reading comprehension skills
- Proficiency in computers and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Self-motivated and able to work both independently and as part of a team
- Creativity and tenacity in achieving objectives
- Detail oriented

Timeframe:

Start and end dates are flexible.

How to apply:

Please send a resume and cover letter to resume@everthriveil.org, Subject Line: Application for Internship. If you are interested in working in a specific initiative, please indicate that in your cover letter. No phone calls please. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.