OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER ON YOUTH-LED RESEARCH ON SUBSTANCE USE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Community researchers from C4 Innovations are looking for youth-serving organizations to collaborate on a project about adolescent substance use and prevention initiatives in the Boston area.

We are conducting a youth-led, representative, and in-depth exploration of youth-driven prevention and early intervention approaches. We will ask the experts—young people themselves—about what works best to respond to substance use concerns. A priority of this work is racial equity, recognizing that access to supportive, evidence-based, and culturally appropriate prevention and early intervention is often limited among communities of color and other marginalized groups.

Partner organizations will ideally have experience in social or civic engagement related to topics of adolescent health and wellbeing and have an existing youth group such as a youth council or after-school program.

By participating as part of the research team, youth partners will gain skills and opportunities for professional development and leadership.

C4 will provide a stipend for this organizational partnership.

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Youth partners will:

- Design and conduct community-based research, including using creative methodologies such as visual storytelling and photovoice;
- Analyze and report data to inform practice and policies;
- Explore important issues for young people in their community; and
- Contribute to the national dialogue regarding adolescent substance use prevention and early intervention.

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