

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2024

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Connecticut Violence Intervention Program Inc.
<i>Full street address</i>	230 Ashmun St New Haven, CT 06511
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	www.ctintervention.org

Q16. PPSF Fellow's direct supervisor

<i>Name</i>	Leonard Jahad
<i>Title</i>	Executive Director
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What is the best way for prospective student applicants to contact you with questions about your proposal?

- Send an e-mail to set up a 15-meeting phone call to discuss
- Contact Leonard Jahad with questions about this proposal

Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 28, 2024 through Friday, August 9, 2024)

Dates are amenable to the program

Are placement dates flexible? Are there any dates on which your Fellow must work?

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Proposed work schedule (*work week should equal (and not exceed) 37.5 hours per week*)

8-430 m-f however there will be opportunities to flex schedule for evening and weekend events

If a hybrid schedule is offered at your site, please describe:

Opportunity to do instructional workshops for youth participants

Organization description (*mission statement, population served. 1,000 characters or less*)

CTVIP is a group of trusted, trained community members that disrupt, prevent, and stop the spread of violence which results in trauma through crisis intervention and proactive relationships with the highest-risk youths and the institutions that impact their lives in the Greater New Haven area.

We served youth ages 13-24 who are engaged in the most risky activity in the greater New Haven community: shooters, violent gang and group associated members as well as victims of community violence. We utilize evidence-based programming such as cognitive behavioral therapy and mediation to affect behavior change on this volatile population. Last year we performed case management on 90 youth within this catchment along with presentations to over 800 youth. We also serve the violent reentry population, acting as a referral resource for employment, housing and emotional/substance abuse programs.

Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (500 characters or less).

We currently have two initiatives that the fellow could work, our judicial court liaison program. Our judicial liaison program position would work with CTVIP staff housed at the juvenile and adult court where they would assess referrals from the court to our program for acceptance. They will review their appropriateness for the program utilizing risk assessment and work in collaboration with the public defender's office as well as assistant state's attorney

Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.

They will review their appropriateness for placement in our violence prevention program. As this program is not a traditional mentoring program, we only work with the highest risk population and have a need to make sure we serve the right client with the right program. Through this, we utilize the Ohio risk scales to

assist with the referral process. The role will also assess aggravating factors of negative attitude, negative peer group and family dysfunction as it relates to their risk to offend/reoffend. We seek to minimize violent activity through behavior change and change their activity from law breaking to law abiding.

List any specific skills/experience required for the project

Skills required for this fellowship are ability to utilize our case management model-VEOCI, google platforms, Microsoft suite, and ability to perform basic intake, assessment and referral for target population/

Additional requirements

Car is recommended however not necessary. Our team often works on weekends to participate in community events so flexible scheduling may be in order, however not mandated. We offer off-street free parking at our worksite.

Briefly describe any work that Yale PPSF Fellows and/or Yale students have done with your organization.

A Yale PPSF Fellow created and oversaw a on-line keyboard instruction program in 2021 during the height of the pandemic for our high risk population. The program was held in conjunction with the Breed music academy who is housed at our building. The program was very popular and I was informed that the fellow has regular contact with participants. Yale students also volunteered in a tutoring program at our worksite in 2019-2020 which turned into an on-line program during the beginning of the pandemic and sustained until student's graduation.