

Community YouthMapping

YouthMapper Job Description

<i>Title:</i>	Community YouthMapper
<i>Location:</i>	Addison, IL
<i>Period of Employment:</i>	March 25, 2017- April 15, 2017
<i>Salary/Compensation Range:</i>	\$500 stipend

This position collects information for the Community YouthMapping process. Work involves a lot of public contact with local businesses and organizations in Addison. Community YouthMappers will be provided with an orientation and training to prepare for YouthMapping and data entry.

Job Summary/Duties and Responsibilities:

- YouthMappers and their parents/guardians will be responsible for attending an orientation on March 25.
- Attend all trainings in preparation for the Community YouthMapping process. Trainings will take place on March 28 and 29.
- Provide support and encouragement for all fellow mappers throughout the process.
- YouthMappers will be bussed to various locations in Addison and will walk to specific areas, businesses, and offices to conduct a survey, make observations, and identify available resources for young people. An adult supervisor will be with youth during the entire day.
- Provide accurate, legible, and completed surveys for the data entry phase of the Community YouthMapping process.
- Report to Addison Public Library daily, before and after mapping has occurred. Mapping will occur March 30, March 31, April 1, April 8, and April 15.

Qualifications:

- Live in Addison, IL
- Preference will be given to 9th and 10th grade students, but will consider 11th and 12th grade students
- Legible handwriting
- Good speaking and communication skills
- Positive attitude

To Apply:

Complete the online Community YouthMapper Job Application available here:

<http://www.communityyouthmapping.com/dupage-county--illinois.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Rabia Mukhtar, DuPage County Health Department, at rabia.mukhtar@dupagehealth.org.

Community YouthMapping in DuPage County, Illinois

Community YouthMapping (CYM) is a concept that involves young people gathering information in a given locality by locality by locating and documenting “places to go and things to do”. CYM involves young people canvassing neighborhoods block by block, in search of the traditional and non-traditional programs, services, opportunities and caring adults available to them and their peers.

In essence the “YouthMappers” become the ethnographers —(one who studies and systematically records human cultures) asking questions from a youth-oriented perspective—providing insight into the communities in which they live, the culture of which they are a part, and the other young people with whom they interact.

CYM activities provide youth with opportunities for meaningful participation and skill development in a community development process.

An adult coordinator will work the youth of Addison and Glendale Heights to map the youth-friendly resources in their communities. The youth will physically survey community landmarks, local businesses, social service/healthcare agencies, and recreation opportunities. This information will be placed in a database and used by the youth and neighborhoods to advocate for needed programs and services and increased business participation in youth development.

Benefits of Community YouthMapping

- Youth will be provided the opportunity to learn about community advocacy, leadership and develop useful soft skills including basic communication and data entry and analysis;
- CYM will help strengthen the community through youth/adult partnerships and bring a greater mutual understanding and respect;
- CYM will identify community assets that can counteract identified risk factors and develop a local comprehensive map for these resources, which in turn will inform other young people and their families about the positive things to do in our communities.