



Job Description for Youth Researchers

About Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY)

Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) is the leading provider of homeless youth services in the DC Region. Through the holistic integration of its Pillars of Opportunity, Sasha Bruce is able to provide safe homes, life skills, and workforce development to meet the unique needs of homeless youth. For more than 45 years, Sasha Bruce has implemented innovative interventions aimed at bringing an end to youth homelessness in the DC region. Today, its programs in DC and Prince George's County, MD reach over 6,500 runaway, homeless, abused, and neglected youth, and their families.

About This Project

Sasha Bruce Youthwork and Child Trends (CT) are hiring youth researchers to lead a Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) project in Washington, D.C. This is a paid opportunity for young people ages 18 to 24 to take the lead on a research project focused on community violence and safety. Youth researchers will lead the work, with training and support from adult staff.

As a youth researcher, you will explore how violence impacts young people in DC. You'll explore questions like: What causes violence in our neighborhoods? Why do some youth get involved and others don't? What are the effects of violence on youth? What real solutions could make our communities safer?

Youth researchers will help create research questions, choose how to collect and analyze information, look for patterns in the data, and develop ideas to improve safety in your communities. You will also share your findings with local leaders and community members to help create change across the city.

Youth Researcher Position Summary

- Create research questions and choose research methods (e.g., interviews, focus groups, surveys) for research project on community violence in collaboration with SBY Research Supervisor and CT staff.
- Participate in trainings on conducting research (e.g., data collection, analysis, sharing findings), field work safety, youth and community engagement, advocacy, and other related topics facilitated by SBY and CT staff.
- Participate in data collection based on chosen research methods.
- Participate in reviewing data collected with support from SBY and CT staff and summarizing findings into written products.
- Share research findings to various audiences as chosen by youth researchers.
- Meet at least twice a month with SBY and CT staff.
- Other duties as assigned.

Position Qualifications:

- Must be from DC; in particular, living in Ward 7 or 8.

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Learn more about Safety 7 at <https://www.childtrends.org/project/centering-youth-experiences-youth-participatory-action>.

Safety 7

- Interest in understanding youth's experiences with community violence in Washington, D.C.
- Interest in learning about and conducting research (i.e., this may include talking to community members about community violence in your neighborhood).
- Must be 18 to 24 years old.

Hours and Rate:

- Hours: 5 hours a week
- Rate: \$21/hour