MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

OVERVIEW:
Safe States Alliance is excited to announce a new mentorship program for students and injury and violence prevention (IVP) professionals. Pairs will be matched based on their interests and needs. Mentors participating in the program will have an opportunity to share their experience in working in the IVP field and provide guidance to mentees as they grow in the IVP workforce. Mentees will benefit from personalized engagement around leadership, professional development, navigating IVP careers, and emerging issues in IVP. The initial mentorship period will run for six months with support from Safe States. All activities will be virtual, and Safe States can provide technological support (e.g. video conferencing) to enhance meetings, if desired. Following the initial 6-month period, pairs will have the opportunity to revisit their matching and determine if the formal relationship will continue. Participants will be asked to participate in one virtual or in person event annually hosted by the Membership Development Committee to provide input to the program and determine opportunities for growth or change.

ELIGIBILITY:
Participation is open to all Safe States members in active standing. For those interested, please complete the following survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M3Z6ZT3. Mentors and mentees will be matched based on programmatic interests, career goals, experience in IVP, and location. To participate in the mentee role, individuals should be current students or recent graduates (within the past two years). To participate in the mentor role, individuals should have a minimum of five years of experience in the IVP field.

BENEFITS:
- Connection across the IVP field
- Career advancement
- Training and continuing education
- Networking
- Insight into IVP curriculum offered at colleges and universities
- Early engagement of students in IVP activities

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