## PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is a national public health non-profit agency focused on the health of the public by strengthening state and national leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control. NACDD’s core membership is composed of the 58 State and Territorial Health Department Chronic Disease Directors and their staff who protect the health of the public through primary and secondary prevention efforts and work “upstream” on root causes of chronic conditions. NACDD promotes health and reduces the burden of chronic disease through various programs and initiatives. Among them is the Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities (BRIC) program being implemented across 20 states in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity and the Division of Population Health, and a team of nationally recognized experts.

To enhance public health resources across the country and support state and local public health settings respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) program supports the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public health leaders. In partnership with a State Health Department or similar agency, local health department(s) or other community-based organization(s), and/or a local YMCA or YMCA State Alliance, Service Members will be placed across ten BRIC states to advance existing efforts around food and nutrition security, safe physical activity access, social connectedness, and health equity, all within the context of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## SPECIFIC SERVICE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

PHA Service Members support the State of Alaska’s Physical Activity and Nutrition Unit’s community partner, the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC). The AFPC’s mission is to “create a healthier, more secure, and more self-reliant Alaska by improving our food system.” A summary of the excellent work AFPC has been involved with in the past can be found here in their 2021 Annual Report: https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/annual-reports. The general responsibilities of the Service Member include:

- Assisting AFPC establish regional food systems groups
- Researching and recruiting regional food systems group members
- Managing communication and other support activities toward the establishment of regional food systems
- Co-managing the high-level details of the newly launched matching program AFPC is starting with the Alaska Farmer’s Market Association and SNAP
- Assisting AFPC’s executive director and board members to plan the annual Food Policy Council Festival & Conference. Past conference materials can be found here for reference/examples of what the end product/conference will look like: https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/2022-festival-conference
DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED SERVICE SCHEDULE:
- Remote service hours
  - In-person attendance at annual Food Policy Council Festival & Conference in November 2023 required
- Service hours are to be completed Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm AK time. May complete service hours on Saturdays as needed
- A maximum of 20% of your service hours may be training, education, or other similar approved activities

DESIRED SKILLS & COMPETENCIES
- Listening to diverse partners/open, culturally sensitive communication skills
- Self-starter, independent worker, willing to do and learn new things
- Experience with food system work (preferred) or has a desire to gain experience in this area

REQUIRED COMMITMENT
- Service members are expected to complete 1200 service hours within a one (1) year timeframe.
  - The service year begins 03/20/2023 and ends 03/19/2024

ORIENTATION AND TRAINING
Members must participate in
- Pre-service orientation
- PHA-specific training
- Program-specific training
- Any other trainings deemed necessary by the Host Service Site supervisor
Note: Trainings will be limited to 20% or less of PHA Service Members service hours

EVALUATION AND REPORTING
PHA Service Members will:
- Complete quarterly narrative reports and assessments of the PHA Program to include their host site experience, trainings, sense of belongingness and inclusivity, interest in pursuing a career in public health, etc.
- Participate in mid- and end-of-term performance evaluation and reviews with their Host Service Site supervisor
- Be required to submit service timesheets biweekly

PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS
PHA Service Members must:
- Be at least 18 years of age at the commencement of service
- Have a high diploma or its equivalent
- A citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Live in the state where the host service site is located and support a hybrid work schedule
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria pursuant to 45 CFR 2540.202

OTHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS
- Must be an upper level (3rd or 4th year) undergraduate student or graduate level student enrolled at a college or university pursuing a public health degree or related degree
- Must be willing to comply with all Host Service Site vaccination requirements, including for COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Living allowance of $11,840 over the course of the term of service
- $4,546.50 Segal Education Award at the end of a successful service term
- Student loan deferment and interest forbearance
- Increased professional awareness and accumulated real-world experience to enhance job competence following completion of service year
- Join a network of like-minded leaders who are passionate about improving communities and the health and wellbeing of community members

HOW TO APPLY

1. **Find Your Fit:** Visit the Public Health AmeriCorps page. Scroll to the bottom of the page to “Find an Opportunity”. Click on the drop-down menu and select a state to find Public Health AmeriCorps opportunities near you. Select the Service Opportunity that you would like to apply to. Scroll down and select “Apply Now!”.

2. **Register on the MyAmeriCorps Portal:** Before applying for AmeriCorps opportunities, you’ll need to create a profile in the AmeriCorps Portal. Creating your profile is a four-step process.

3. **Complete Your Application:** Complete the application for the Service Opportunity that you’re interested in by providing the requested information about your skills and experiences.

4. **Submit Your Application:** Once you’ve completed your application, you’ll be able to submit your application.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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- National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
- Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities Program