



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS Public Health AmeriCorps (Louisiana) Service Opportunity I

POSITION OVERVIEW:

Position Name: NACDD Public Health AmeriCorps Service Member

Living Allowance: \$10,592.00

Position Type/Hours: Three Quarter Time/1200 hours

Education Award: \$5,176.50

Service Location: Louisiana Department of Health, Well-Ahead Louisiana.

Total Award: \$15,768.50

Louisiana Department of Health, Well-Ahead Louisiana

628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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 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 fifteen 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:

The PHA Service Member will support the work related to Center for Planning of Excellence (CPEX) to implement their built environment action plans to optimize health outcomes for Louisiana communities. They will address priority areas related to access to physical activity and social connectedness and collaborate with existing Walkability Action Institute teams to launch and provide support in implementation of community strategic plans. They will also collaborate with Well-Ahead Louisiana team to enhance internal programs to include social connectedness activities among aging populations. Additionally the Service Member will engage with the Louisiana Food Policy Action Council to implement established strategic plans related to Farm to ECE best practice. Lastly the Service Member will provide education and resources related to breastfeeding legislation and best practices. Responsibilities of the Service Member will also include:

- Participating in partner meetings to discuss access to physical activity, nutrition security, and social connectedness initiatives throughout the state of Louisiana
- Providing technical assistance to Walkability Action Institute team implementing strategic plans
- Providing technical assistance and resources related to access to physical activity, nutrition security, and social connectedness to state and community-level partners
- Establishing and maintain community-level partnerships
- Assisting Program Managers and Coordinators in program activities
- Assisting in mini grant review processes
- Assist Program Managers and Program Coordinators to support activities related nutrition, physical activity among other CDC Chronic Disease funded grant programs to include:

- Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias
- The Healthy St. Landry Project
- Health Disparities Programming
- Healthcare Access Programming

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- Hybrid service hours
- Service hours are to be completed Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm CT time.
- A maximum of 20% of your service hours may be training, education, or other similar approved activities

DESIRED SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Attention to Detail
- Verbal and Written Communication Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Organizational Skills
- Technical Skills: Computer Skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point)

REQUIRED COMMITMENT

- Service members are expected to complete 1200 service hours within a one (1) year timeframe.
 - The service year begins 07/08/2024 and ends 07/07/2025

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 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.
- Complete monthly reflection forms
- Participate in quarterly 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
- Must satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria pursuant to 45 CFR 2540.202

- Live in the geographic region and within reasonable driving distance of the host service site and support a hybrid work schedule

OTHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Preferred: 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 or recent graduate

PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Living allowance of \$10,592.00 over the course of the term of service
- \$5,176.50 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 An Opportunity:** Visit the [AmeriCorps States and National](#) page. Scroll to “Find an Opportunity”. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select “Refine Search”. Insert the following for program type: AmeriCorps State/National, select the state for the service opportunity you’re interested in applying, and for program name type: NACDD Public PHA. Select “Search” and then “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 by 5/03/24:** Once you’ve completed your application, you’ll be able to submit your application.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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