

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS Public Health AmeriCorps (South Carolina) Service Opportunity III

POSITION OVERVIEW:

Position Name: NACDD Public Health AmeriCorps Service Member
Position Type/Hours: Three Quarter Time/1200 hours
Service Location: FoodShare Laurens County / SC Empowerment Centre
28020 Highway 76E, Clinton, SC, 29325

Living Allowance: \$10,592.00
Education Award: \$5,176.50
Total Award: \$15,768.50

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 Under the supervision of FoodShare South Carolina will provide assistance and support the FoodShare Laurens Hub to expand food and nutrition security strategies to community members in underserved areas across the county. The Service Members will primarily support FoodShare's distribution and promotion of food boxes throughout these underserved communities in Laurens County. During their PHA service term Service Member will:

- Engage in the distribution of promotional flyers and other communication items to support outreach efforts
- Engage and collaborate with community partners to actively promote and provide linkages to FoodShare SC
- Participate in the packing and distribution of produce boxes in high-need communities
- Participate in outreach efforts to increase customer engagement with FoodShare Laurens benefits
- Build connections with community partners that may potentially lead to increased volunteer support, technical support (i.e. recipe card creation), etc.
- Aid partner sites with SNAP customer order placements through EBT machines
- Provide technical support for the FoodShare Laurens operators lacking strong computer, accounting and other skills

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- In-person service hours at the FoodShare Laurens Hub located in Clinton, as well as some travel across the county
- Service hours are to be completed Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm ET
- A maximum of 20% of your service hours may be training, education, or other similar approved activities

DESIRED SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Willingness to take initiative and demonstrate personal accountability for individual actions
- Strong verbal and written communication skills (proficiency in Spanish preferred)
- Ability to establish positive relationships with diverse populations and effectively and respectfully work with others

REQUIRED COMMITMENT

- Service members are expected to complete 1200 service hours within a one (1) year timeframe.
 - The service year begins 7/08/2024 and ends 7/07/2025

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
- Live in the geographic region and within reasonable driving distance of the host service site 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

- 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
- Required: Compliance with all Host Service Site vaccination requirements, including for COVID-19

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 State 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 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 05/03/24:** Once you’ve completed your application, you’ll be able to submit your application.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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