



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS

Public Health AmeriCorps Georgia Service Opportunity

**POSITION OVERVIEW:** 

Position Name: NACDD Public Health AmeriCorps Service Member

Position Type/Hours: Three Quarter Time/1200 hours

Service Location: YMCA of Metro Atlanta

Leadership & Learning Center, 569 Martin Luther King Jr, Dr., Atlanta, GA

30314

Living Allowance: \$8,074.00 Education Award: \$5,176.50 Total Award: \$13,250.50

### PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is a national public health non-profit agency focused on improving 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 59 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 State Health Departments, local health departments, other community-based organizations, and/or local YMCAs or YMCA State Alliances, Service Members will be placed across twenty 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 Service Member will support the YMCA of the Metro Atlanta programs and initiatives related to advancing healthy equity and improving health outcomes for metro Atlanta communities through improved food and nutrition security, safe physical activity access, and social connectedness. One of the Service Member's primary roles will focus on implementation of specific health equity outcomes, to be determined in early 2025. These outcomes will be a blend of both internal and external and will impact programming as well as work in the metro Atlanta communities and will likely include collaboration with partner organizations. The other portion of this project will be inhouse and take place at 1 or more YMCA locations working directly with health equity program delivery. Program delivery may include, but is not limited to, supporting the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring program, member enrollment, and work with partners to schedule and implement health/screening related opportunities amongst our YMCA branches and early learning centers.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

- 100% In-person service hours
- Service hours are to be completed Monday-Sunday between the hours of 5:00am and 8:00pm time.
- A maximum of 20% of service hours may be training, education, or other similar approved activities
- A maximum of 10% of service hours may be fundraising activities

## **DESIRED SKILLS & COMPETENCIES**

- Ideal candidate should have the ability to understand, interpret data and draw conclusions from data. Ability to plan ahead and create a timeline for implementation of programs or other outcomes from the Health Equity work group.
- Candidate should also have excellent interpersonal skills and a desire to serve the community with a high degree of empathy.
- Candidate should be well versed in Microsoft products.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

The NACDD PHA program operates in accordance with federal and AmeriCorps program requirements on non-discrimination. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the NACDD PHA program prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment based on the protected categories of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability (mental or physical), gender identity or expression, political affiliation, marital or parental status, reprisal, pregnancy, genetic information (including family medical history), military service, or their submission of a complaint. NACDD's compliance history is available upon request.

#### REQUIRED COMMITTMENT

- Service members are expected to complete 1200 service hours within a one (1) year timeframe.
  - The service year begins 02/03/2025 and ends 02/02/2026.

#### **ORIENTATION AND TRAINING**

Members must participate in

- Pre-service orientation
- PHA-specific training
- Program-specific training
- Any other trainings deemed necessary by the Host 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 including 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 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
- Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria pursuant to 45 CFR 2540.202
- Live within commutable distance of the Host Site to accommodate a hybrid service schedule

## OTHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Must be willing to comply with all Host Site vaccination requirements, including for COVID-19
- Completion of our Youth & Teen Safety course as well as our Coach Approach and Blood Pressure Self-Management Program Trainings.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- Living allowance of \$8,074.00 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**

Submit Your Application by 12/20/24: Complete and submit the NACDD Public Health AmeriCorps Program Application through the following Smartsheet link:

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/766fd3822c5942aa909458fef11dd12a

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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