

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

TITLE: COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

LOCATION: NYC

SALARY: xxxx (commensurate with experience) + fringe benefits (Full-Time)

PROJECT INFORMATION: [Organizational description/mission – i.e., Organization A is a multidisciplinary collaboration dedicated to creating a unified voice to improve the health of the Asian American community in the New York area through network and resource development, educational activities, research, community action, and advocacy.] One of Organization A's projects is Project RICE (Reaching Immigrants through Community Empowerment), a health initiative designed to promote diabetes prevention for recently immigrated Korean Americans and South Asian Americans living in New York City through the use of Community Health Workers.

The project is made possible by a 5 year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is conducted in partnership with the NYU Health Promotion and Prevention Research Center (PRC), as well as local health providers, businesses, community and faith-based organizations.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Interface between community members and the healthcare system
- Link and negotiate participants' access to primary care physician and other specialty services.
- Monitor participants' medical appointments and medication.
- Conduct home visits and follow up phone calls with participants.
- Provide individual counseling as needed and work with participant's family to assist participant with lifestyle change.
- Conduct outreach activities to recruit potential participants for all phases of the study.
- Facilitate focus groups on needs and perception of diabetes.
- Take participants' blood pressure and blood sugar level.
- Conduct culturally appropriate health education workshops on diabetes and its associated health complications with intervention participants.
- Conduct baseline and follow up interviews with participants.
- Assists in the creation of culturally specific hand-outs, flyers and other materials on diabetes.
- Outreach to community based organizations, faith-based organizations, cultural groups, schools and other community spaces regarding the RICE Project.
- Attend and coordinate health fairs in the South Asian/Korean community.

REQUIREMENTS:

Attend at least 100 hours of community health worker trainings

Pass all competency exams related to trainings

SUPERVISION:

Reports to site supervisor and Project RICE Research Coordinator

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A minimum of a high school education or GED is required. A Bachelors degree is preferred but not required
- Bi-lingual in Korean/South Asian language and English required
- Knowledge of community resources, and organizations in the Korean/South Asian community
- Good advocacy and organizing skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to juggle priorities and manage time
- Available to work evenings and weekends
- Effective oral and written communication skills in both Korean/South Asian language and English
- Warm, friendly, open, energetic

- Works well with a wide range of people
- Fast learner
- Creative personality
- Computer skills a plus