



Position Description

Type of Position: LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Service Dates: Sept. 1, 2009 – June 2010. Flexible.

Length of Term: Approx. 20 hours per week for 8 months. 675 hours total.

Interviews: Applicants are interviewed & placed on an on-going basis until positions are filled. Interviews are underway.

Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Position Title: Environmental Health Education Coordinator (1 position)

Project Sponsor: Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Sponsoring Organization's Mission:

Guided by the values and expertise of medicine and public health, **Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility** works to protect human life from the gravest threats to health and survival. PSR is the medical and public health voice working to prevent the use or spread of nuclear weapons and to slow, stop and reverse global warming and toxic degradation of the environment.

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment – Oregon (CHE-OR) is a regional group of nearly 100 researchers, health care practitioners, advocacy groups, funders and concerned individuals, and at this time functions mainly by listserv for the purposes of sharing new research, upcoming events and policy/regulatory initiatives related to environmental health issues in the Northwest.

Project Location: 812 SW Washington Street, Ste 1050, Portland, OR 97205

Transportation Information: Accessible by foot, bike, bus and light rail.

Project Summary: The member will support for planning, implementation and evaluation of two environmental health education projects:

Second Annual Northwest Environmental Health Conference, February 2010. This conference is two-day event targeted to health professionals, nonprofit and governmental stakeholders. The first conference, in February 2009, featured presentations on the health impacts of global climate change, phthalates, and other chemicals of concerns in our healthcare settings; and panel presentations on public health impact assessments, environmental justice, and the role of health providers, practitioners, community health workers, and other health colleagues in energy and chemical policy reform in the Pacific Northwest. This event is a collaborative effort of CHE-Oregon, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, Oregon Health Care Without Harm, Oregon Student Nurses Association, and the Multnomah County Health Department.

Healthy Environment Forums (HEF): 3-5 two-hour evening events, monthly or so starting January, 2010. These events reach out to a similar constituency as the Environmental Health conference. The presentations provide an in-depth focus on one particular topic with more extensive opportunity for Q&A.

General Responsibilities:

1. Support a multi-organizational events committee, including
 - a. Development of sponsors;
 - b. Development and circulation of promotional materials;
 - c. Review and disposition of speakers' proposals, poster session proposals, exhibitors and session moderators;
 - d. Event logistics and agenda;
 - e. Media outreach;
 - f. Events programs and packets
 - g. Registration;
 - h. Evaluation and wrap-up activities
2. Research environmental health articles for our members.
3. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
4. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
5. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Requirements:

1. LINKS members must be at least 17 years of age at the time of enrollment in the program.
2. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.

3. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
4. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
5. Submit to a criminal history background check and National Sex Offender Registry search.
6. Regular and reliable attendance.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Good oral and written communication skills.
2. Good organizational skills and attention to detail.
3. Interest in environmental health or related areas.

Member Benefits Include:

- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,800. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay a portion of the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Opportunities to observe, participate, and network in a variety of collaborating nongovernmental, public and educational institutions; increased knowledge or issues and policies in environmental health.

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to maye@oregonpsr.org,

Step 2 - Complete your application online at the AmeriCorps website. [AmeriCorps Application](#)

1. If you do not already have a username and password, you must create a profile. [Create A Profile](#)
2. Once you have created a profile, log in and complete an application by clicking “Applications” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu.
3. To apply to this specific position, click “Search Listings” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu and search for program name **LINKS**.
4. Select the position listing and click “Apply Now” at the bottom of the page.

Questions about the project? Contact: Contact Maye Thompson, (PSR) at (503) 274-2720 or maye@oregonpsr.org, or Renee Hackenmiller-Paradis, (CHE-OREGON) at (503) 222-1963 ext 110 or ReneeP@oeconline.org.

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