

Friendship Benches Program Manager

The Fund for Public Health in New York City, (FPHNYC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. To this end, in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), FPHNYC incubates innovative public health initiatives implemented by DOHMH to advance community health throughout the city. It facilitates partnerships, often new and unconventional, between government and the private sector to develop, test, and launch new initiatives. These collaborations speed the execution of demonstration projects, effect expansion of successful pilot programs, and support rapid implementation to meet the public health needs of individuals, families, and communities across New York City.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This position, **which is currently supported for one (1) year**, will be housed within the DOHMH's Division of Mental Hygiene in the Bureau of Systems Strengthening and Access and work closely with the Center for Health Equity and are contingent on the availability of funding.

The mission of the program to drive innovation and scalable solutions in behavioral health policy, practice and research in support of new and existing initiatives, and to enhance the ability of the Division to respond to, and lead, substantial changes in the delivery, payment, and policy environment surrounding mental health care services throughout the City of New York.

The newly created Center for Health Equity, within the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, seeks to advance health equity across the City. The Center focuses on these key areas: leveraging community assets to better integrate primary care and public health to serve the health needs of communities; building inter-agency collaboration to implement multi-sectorial approach to addressing the root causes of health disparities; and increasing organizational capacity that strengthens the agency's lens of addressing health equity.

POSITION OVERVIEW

Reporting to the Director of Networks and Coalitions in the Division of Mental Hygiene, the Program Manager for Mental Health Initiatives will be responsible for providing program development and implementation support to key opportunities identified jointly by the CHE and, to include, but not be limited to, developing and implementing mental health programs in place-based settings, overseeing joint-projects with, and pursuing collaborative opportunities. Requirements Below:

- Flexible work schedule, regular evenings and weekends required
- Ability to work independently, be flexible, and handle changing workload with multiple projects and changing priorities
- Working Conditions: 70% Office, 30% Community and Supervision

- A strong commitment to engage residents on a personal level and be able to get agreement on future health commitment/goals

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate the implementation of Mental Health First Aid trainings in the Neighborhood Health Action Center neighborhoods, including, but not limited to, tracking and reporting metrics, supporting participant recruitment efforts, and coordinating activities across sites;
- Oversee the friendship benches program, work closely with Friendship Bench Program Administrator, peer staff and monitor and report on progress of project plan
- Coordinate and collaborate with existing Center for Health Equity place-based programs, including, but not limited to, Harlem Health Advocacy Partners, New York City Teens Connection, By My Side Douglas, and manage the tracking of utilization;
- Work closely with CHE to develop, implement and maintain a place-based program for maternal depression screenings, as well support the inclusion of mental health programming into other Family Health Suite initiatives, in coordination with the Department's Birth Equity Initiative team;
- Work closely with MHY develop, implement and maintain a place-based program for naloxone distribution in coordination with Neighborhood Health Action Center staff, as well as co-located partner organization staff;
- Direct coordination with Mental Hygiene ThriveNYC initiatives and other interdivisional collaborative efforts as they emerge or are identified;
- Provide bi-weekly supervision and support the capacity of peer community mental health workers (CHWs) for mental health programming by providing skill-enhancement trainings, developing responsive action plans that support delivery, and communicating the value and utilization of CHWs in place-based mental health interventions;
- Consult on how mental health programming can be better integrated with agency efforts focused on violence as a public health issue and support tertiary prevention programs evolve into primary prevention;
- Support the inclusion of mental health components in Center for Health Equity programming as they emerge or are identified, in consultation with the Division of Mental Hygiene.

QUALIFICATIONS

- MSW preferred or related degree
- Bilingual preferred (English/Spanish or English/French) BUT NOT REQUIRED
- NYCHA residents strongly encouraged to apply
- Strong relationship builder with excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Experience providing coaching, mentoring, adult learning, counseling, outreach, workshop facilitation, and/or group/community presentations preferred
- Experience working with marginalized populations preferred
- Healthcare related experience is a plus
- Knowledge and familiarity with NYCHA systems is a plus
- A commitment to collective action and community organizing

SALARY AND BENEFITS

FPHNYC offers a comprehensive benefits package. The salary range for this position is \$60,000-\$70,000 commensurate with experience and education.

TO APPLY

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter, including salary requested and how your experience relates to this position, to publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org indicating “**Program Manager _your name**” in subject line.

The Fund for Public Health in New York City is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages a diverse pool of candidates to apply.