

## **Community Health Organizer - Harlem Health Advocacy Partners**

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### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW:**

The Harlem Health Advocacy Partnership (HHAP) is a DOHMH funded community health worker demonstration project aimed at reducing the rates of diabetes, hypertension, and asthma in the East Harlem NYCHA community. HHAP aims to accomplish this by identifying NYCHA residents with any/all of these three chronic illnesses, and helping them better manage their illnesses through:

- One-on-one health coaching sessions
- Individual and group-level educational workshops
- Assistance in acquiring and navigating health insurance
- Referrals to clinical and social support services in the community
- Advocacy and community organizing

### **POSITION OVERVIEW:**

The Community Health Organizer will work directly with the Community Organizing Specialist as a key supporting member of the HHAP Community Activation Team (CAT). The CAT is a NYCHA resident-led committee that aims to improve the health of East and Central Harlem NYCHA residents in the Clinton, Johnson, and Taft Houses, King Towers and Lehman Village developments through community organizing, community advocacy and engagement. The Community Health Organizer will advise and guide the HHAP program by identifying and raising awareness of health and environmental concerns affecting the well-being of residents in the developments. The Community Health Organizer will also be responsible for promoting resident participation in HHAP health coaching program. Additionally, the Community Health Organizer will assist with outreach and promotion of events and services as provided by the East and Central Harlem District Public Health Office. Overall, the work of the Community Health Organizer is intended to complement the goals of the HHAP health coaching program which include improving health outcomes of residents with chronic disease, improving residents' ability to self-manage their health, and improving residents' ability to advocate for acceptable health and social services in their community. Five Community Health Organizers will be recruited from NYCHA developments in the Harlem Community.

**There is potential for this position to transition to DOHMH and therefore candidates must meet DOHMH eligibility requirement including NYC residency.**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assist with the recruitment and enrollment of participants for HHAP health coaching services
- Conduct outreach and promotion for HHAP services including group-level wellness activities and the CAT
- Participate in CAT organizing tasks and coordination efforts
- Attend CAT planning meetings, Resident Association meetings and other relevant monthly convening
- Assist with outreach and promotion of events and services provided by the East and Central Harlem District Public Health Office
- Assist in identifying community resources such as neighboring schools, faith based organizations and community based organizations to participate in CAT planning meetings

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Commitment and desire to improve the quality of life of their community
- Flexible work schedule, some evenings and weekends required
- Ability to be work individually and as part of a team
- Working Conditions: 70% Community, 20% Leadership Development, 10% Office
- A strong commitment to collective action and community organizing

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Be 18 years of age or older with expressed interest in improving the quality of life among NYCHA residents
- Knowledge of NYC Housing Authority Community helpful
- Be familiar with the Central Harlem/East Harlem community and its resources
- Demonstrate ability to actively engage the neighborhood members in program and community organizing activities
- Strong social networks within the community - This also includes social media use such as Facebook and Twitter
- Strong relationship builder with ,excellent written and oral communication skills

**SALARY AND BENEFITS:**

3 month position, with the high possibility of extending longer.  
The salary range for this position is up to \$32,000 per year.

**TO APPLY:**

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter including current salary or most recent salary to: to [publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org](mailto:publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org) indicating "HHAP Community Health Organizer\_Your Name" in subject line.

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