

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:

- Advocacy and Community Organizing
- Outreach and Recruitment
- Individual and group-level educational workshops
- Assistance in acquiring and navigating health insurance
- Referrals to clinical and social support services in the community
- Guidance on improving residents' ability to self-manage their health and working with residents on fundamentals of advocating for acceptable health and social services in their community is a major tool and goal for our participants.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

The Community Health Organizer will report directly to the Community Organizing Supervisor who oversees a team of five (5) HHAP Community Health Organizers (CHOs), aiming to improve the health of East and Central Harlem NYCHA residents. The role of the Community Health Organizer is to advocate for and promote health awareness by introducing residents to a variety of HHAP and partner led activities. Activities include: community organizing, advocacy and engagement.

Overall, the work of the Community Health Organizer is intended to engage community members and to serve as a guide towards implementing the goals of the HHAP program which include improving health outcomes of residents with chronic disease.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with planning and developing community organizing, advocacy and engagement efforts.
- Conduct outreach and follow workplan guidelines for teams daily, weekly and monthly tasks.
- Attend Resident Association meetings and other relevant monthly convenings.
- Assist with the promotion, recruitment and enrollment of participants for HHAP related program services.

- Assist with outreach and promotion of events and services provided by the East and Central Harlem Action Centers.
- Assist in identifying community resources such as neighboring schools, faith-based organizations and community-based organizations for engagement.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Bilingual required (English/Spanish or English/French).
- Commitment and desire to improve the quality of life for your community.
- Flexible work schedule, evenings and weekends required.
- Professionalism and Adaptability in an office environment and community setting with 70% Community, 30% Office.
- A strong commitment to collective action and community organizing.
- Ability to work in fast paced environment and changing priorities.
- Ability to be work individually and as part of a team.
- Other tasks as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrate ability to actively engage the neighborhood members in program and community organizing activities.
- Be familiar with the Central Harlem/East Harlem community and its resources.
- Expressed interest in improving the quality of life among New York City Housing Authority residents.
- Knowledge of NYCHA Housing Authority Community helpful.
- Strong relationship builder with, excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong social networks within the community.

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

Three (3) month evaluation period with opportunity to onboard full-time.

TO APPLY:

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter including current salary or most recent salary to: to publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org indicating "HHAP Community Health Organizer Your Name" in subject line.

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