Get Healthy Philly Program Associate


NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

GENERAL POSITION DESCRIPTION: This is a full-time position supporting Get Healthy Philly, an initiative that aims to reduce the prevalence of obesity in Philadelphia by increasing access to healthy and affordable food, increasing opportunities for physical activity, and decreasing consumption of unhealthy food. This position reports to the Get Healthy Philly Program Manager for Nutrition and Physical Activity.

The Program Associate will assist in the development and implementation of initiatives that increase access to healthy foods for children and adolescents before, during, and after the school day and during the summer. The Program Associate may also assist the Get Healthy Philly team with initiatives in other settings that impact food access including municipal food purchasing, food retail environments, and food distributor and manufacturer networks.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

- Work with school, parks and recreation, and community partners to implement priority recommendations including: strategies to increase fruit and vegetable consumption, youth engagement in new menu offerings, water access, and new federal school food wellness policies.
- Assist the Get Healthy Philly Youth Wellness Coordinator in the implementation of youth advocacy efforts related to food and nutrition environments before, during, and after school, including food and nutrition components of the Get Healthy Philly Youth Council.
- Liaise between the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and public and private partners involved in school food initiatives.
- Performs related work as required.
- Assist with other Get Healthy Philly initiatives as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor’s degree required; Master’s degree in public health, public policy, or food studies preferred.
- Minimum two years working on public health or food access initiatives.
- Prior experience with food policy and youth advocacy preferred.
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- Any equivalent combination of education and experience determined to be acceptable by Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

SALARY

- Salary range is 45,000 – 55,000 and is commensurate with experience and qualifications.
- This is a grant funded position and is contingent upon the availability of continued grant funding.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Sam Kessler, Executive Secretary, at Samuel.kessler@phila.gov by Tuesday, April 22, 2014. This position has an anticipated start date of May 7, 2014.