

## **Summer and Afterschool Meals Fall Intern**

### **Position Available**

The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), a nonprofit public policy, research, and advocacy organization that works to end hunger in the U.S., is seeking an intern to work with FRAC's summer and afterschool meals expansion team. The intern will work with members of the team to develop resources designed for a variety of stakeholders. These include state child nutrition agencies, anti-hunger and child advocates, school districts, and community-based organizations to expand summer and afterschool meals participation, and will provide research support on emerging issues affecting the federal Afterschool and Summer Nutrition Programs.

### **Organizational Background**

FRAC is the leading national nonprofit organization working to improve and implement effective public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and undernutrition in the United States. FRAC engages in research, policy analysis and advocacy, coalition-building, outreach, technical assistance and training, and an array of communications strategies. FRAC works in partnership with hundreds of national, state and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations and labor organizations to address hunger and food insecurity, and poverty as their root cause.

FRAC's afterschool and summer nutrition program expansion work is part of its Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, which focuses on increasing low-income children's access to the federal nutrition programs. The Afterschool and Summer Nutrition Programs play a crucial role in reducing childhood hunger and improving children's health and educational achievement, but serve only a fraction of the low-income children who need access to these programs. This position will focus on using strategies that have been proven to increase program participation, with a focus on outreach and providing technical support to cities, schools, nonprofits, anti-hunger organizations, and other key stakeholders in order to drive participation growth.

## **Skills and Qualifications**

- Very strong writing and research skills; experience in conducting outreach preferred.
- Experience and/or demonstrated interest in child health, poverty, and/or nutrition-related issues.
- Understanding of hunger and poverty and their impact upon communities, families, and individuals.
- Knowledge of SFSP, the CACFP Afterschool Meal Program and other government programs for low-income children preferred.
- Commitment to working for social justice.
- Experience working with schools, public agencies, and nonprofits a plus.

## **Responsibilities and Potential Projects**

- Research and compile best practice models from local advocates, sponsors, and providers of summer and afterschool meals;
- Track national, state, and local summer and afterschool meals expansion efforts;
- Compile resources and announcements for monthly newsletter informing summer and afterschool key stakeholders of news and updates affecting the Summer Food Service Program and the Afterschool Meal Program;
- Assist in organizing and planning monthly topical conference calls for national partner organizations, afterschool and summer meal administrators, sponsors, and advocates; and
- Provide technical assistance to targeted cities and anti-hunger groups implementing the summer and afterschool nutrition programs locally

## **Benefits and Start Date**

This internship will be done on a volunteer basis. Interns are expected to work at least 15 hours per week. The start and end dates of the internship are flexible; however, the ideal candidate will be available to start in September. FRAC will reimburse commuting costs for mileage or public transportation up to \$500.

## **To Apply**

Email cover letter, resume, and writing sample to [employment@frac.org](mailto:employment@frac.org). Include "Summer and Afterschool Meals Intern" in subject line.

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