



D.C. HUNGER SOLUTIONS – Anti-Hunger Program Associate

Focus Areas: SNAP and Senior Hunger - (Posted June 1, 2017)

Position Available

D.C. Hunger Solutions seeks a highly motivated and skilled individual to join its staff as an **Anti-Hunger Program Associate**. This is one of two D.C. Hunger Solutions Program Associate positions posted currently.

Through advocacy, research, client outreach, coalition-building, technical assistance, public education and program monitoring, the Anti-Hunger Program Associate will be responsible for working to increase participation in the SNAP/Food Stamp Program in the District of Columbia. The Associate also will work on nutrition issues related to hunger among older residents. As part of the D.C. Hunger Solutions team, the Associate also will work to advance the overall goals of D.C. Hunger Solutions, to support the efforts of partner coalitions, and to address broader food security issues in Washington, D.C. The ideal candidate must be committed to addressing hunger and poverty in Washington, D.C. This full-time position reports to the Director of D.C. Hunger Solutions.

Organizational Background

The Food Research and Action Center (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, technical assistance and training, and an array of communications strategies.

Founded in 2002, D.C. Hunger Solutions is a separately staffed and budgeted initiative of FRAC, seeking to end hunger in the nation's capital. By leveraging substantial available federal dollars and improving D.C.'s operations of federal and local nutrition programs, D.C. Hunger Solutions work has helped to feed tens of thousands of District residents struggling with hunger and has increased access to healthy, affordable food. D.C. Hunger Solutions also leads or plays a key supporting role in the efforts of the various anti-hunger and anti-poverty coalitions throughout the city (e.g., the D.C. Fair Budget Coalition, D.C. Farmers' Market Collaborative, the Language Access Coalition, the Senior Advisory Coalition, and the Mayor's Commission on Healthy Youth and Schools). For more information on D.C. Hunger Solutions, visit: www.dchunger.org.

Responsibilities

- Promote participation in and improvements to the SNAP/Food Stamp Program as a key defense against hunger and an important nutrition and income support strategy.
- Have ongoing responsibility for the development and implementation of strategies to increase participation in the SNAP/Food Stamp Program in the District. This will include site visits, outreach, presentations, training, research, technical assistance, public education, policy advocacy, assistance to partner groups, work in coalitions, media and social media outreach, and the development of materials.
- Coordinate SNAP/food stamp outreach in partnership with the D.C. EITC Campaign during tax season. This includes training and assisting 40+ volunteers, pre-screening potentially eligible clients, and coordinating the filing of SNAP/food stamp applications with the D.C. Department of Human Services.
- Analyze policies and practices that foster or inhibit program participation in the SNAP/Food Stamp Program.

- Manage the collection and reporting of data related to SNAP/food stamp participation rates and outreach efforts (e.g., materials distributed, residents pre-screened) for quarterly reports required under work on the state SNAP outreach plan.
- Assist in the development and implementation of strategies to address hunger among older residents and increase participation in federal nutrition programs available for seniors through site visits, outreach, research, technical assistance, public education, policy advocacy, work in coalitions, media and social media outreach, and the development of materials.
- Work, as part of the D.C. Hunger Solutions' team, to engage and educate the public and policymakers about the issue of hunger in the District of Columbia and to identify solutions to end hunger in D.C.

Skills and Qualifications

- Commitment to working for social justice; background in anti-poverty work preferred.
- Bachelor's degree and a minimum of two years of relevant experience.
- Strong oral, written and organizational skills.
- Ability to reach out effectively to low-income families and community-based organizations eligible for program benefits.
- Good conceptual, strategic thinking and creative skills.
- Detail-oriented planning and implementation skills.
- Willingness to work varied hours.
- Ability to manage several tasks simultaneously.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Strong teamwork capabilities.
- Ability to speak Spanish a plus.

Salary and Benefits

Salary commensurate with experience. Generous leave, health and other benefits.

To Apply

Send resume, writing sample (not to exceed three pages), and cover letter providing a summary of accomplishments and experience to:

D.C. Hunger Solutions Anti-Hunger Program Associate – SNAP
 Food Research and Action Center
 1200 18th Street N.W., Suite 400
 Washington, D.C. 20036

E-mail: employment@dchunger.org (Please include "D.C. Hunger Solutions Anti-Hunger Program Associate – SNAP" in subject line.)

Fax: 202-986-2525

No phone calls please

Closing Date

When filled. However, FRAC/D.C. Hunger Solutions seeks to hire a qualified individual as soon as possible.

FRAC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. FRAC is firmly committed to a policy against discrimination based on sex, race, age, religious creed, sexual orientation, disability or ethnic or national origin.