

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

Focus Areas: Child Nutrition Programs - (Posted May 8, 2017)

### **Positions Available**

D.C. Hunger Solutions seeks a highly motivated and skilled individual to join its staff as an **Anti-Hunger Program Associate**. Through advocacy, research, coalition-building, outreach, technical assistance, public education and program monitoring, the Anti-Hunger Program Associate will be responsible for working to increase participation and improve benefits in the child nutrition programs (WIC; school meals; summer, afterschool and child care meals) in the District of Columbia. 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. 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.

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](http://www.dchunger.org).

### **Responsibilities**

- Promote public nutrition program participation growth as a core strategy to address hunger and poverty, and improve health, early childhood development and education among children.
- Analyze policies and practices that foster or inhibit program participation in child nutrition programs, with a focus on meals and other nutrition programs available for schools and child care facilities.
- Assist in the development and implementation of strategies to increase participation and improve nutrition in federal child nutrition programs through site visits, outreach, research, training, technical assistance, public education, policy advocacy, media and social media outreach, and the development of materials.
- Collect and report data on participation rates in public child nutrition programs and analyze participation trends.
- Provide assistance to key stakeholders and attend meetings/events to assure full implementation of the D.C. Healthy Schools Act of 2010 and the D.C. Healthy Tots Act of 2014. This will include responsibility for the content and maintenance of a Healthy Schools Act website and the development of promotional materials.

- Help promote and implement free school breakfast and breakfast served through alternative service models (such as “breakfast in the classroom”, “grab and go” breakfast, or “second chance breakfast”) in D.C. public and public charter schools.
- Work with community groups, collaboratives, early childhood providers, schools, and out-of-school-time and faith-based organizations to improve access to nutrition programs, with a focus on afterschool meals and summer meals. This will include the development of a plan to help interested stakeholders sponsor more meal sites.
- Work, as part of the D.C. Hunger Solutions’ team, to engage and educate the public and policymakers about the extent of hunger and its impact on District of Columbia residents and to forge workable solutions at the local level.

### **Skills and Qualifications**

- Commitment to working for social justice; background in anti-poverty and anti-hunger work preferred.
- Bachelor’s degree and a minimum of two years relevant experience.
- Strong oral, written and organizational skills.
- Ability to reach out effectively to low-income families, school officials, 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.
- Experience with anti-hunger programs and/or with D.C. early childhood providers, public schools and/or public charter schools a plus.
- 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 –Child Nutrition Programs  
 Food Research and Action Center  
 1200 18<sup>th</sup> Street N.W., Suite 400  
 Washington, D.C. 20036

E-mail: [employment@dchunger.org](mailto:employment@dchunger.org) (Please include “D.C. Hunger Solutions Anti-Hunger Program Associate –Child Nutrition Programs” 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.