

## **Summer Meals Fellow**

### **Position Available**

Maryland Hunger Solutions, an initiative of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), seeks a highly motivated and skilled individual to join Maryland Hunger Solutions as a Summer Meals Fellow. Through advocacy, research, coalition-building, outreach, technical assistance, public education and program monitoring, the intern will work with MDHS staff to assist in the implementation, access, and quality of the Maryland Free Summer Meals Program. This internship will be located in Baltimore, MD with some travel around the state required.

### **Organizational Background**

FRAC is the leading national nonprofit organization working to eradicate poverty-related hunger and undernutrition in the United States. FRAC engages in research, technical assistance, information dissemination, policy analysis and advocacy, coalition-building, 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.

Formed in 2007, Maryland Hunger Solutions (MDHS) is the leading Maryland non-profit working to reduce hunger and improve nutrition in the State of Maryland by improving participation and benefits in public nutrition and related programs. MDHS's focus is on using federal programs (e.g., food stamps, called the Food Supplement Program in Maryland, school breakfast and lunch, summer and afterschool nutrition programs, WIC and other programs) to reduce hunger and its adverse effects; to improve economic security, health and nutrition; and to strengthen community institutions.

### **Position Description**

This position is a 10-week placement to help build capacity for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in Maryland. The fellow member will be employed through Hunger Free America but will report to the Director of Maryland Hunger Solutions.

Responsibilities include:

- Assist in the implementation, access, and quality of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- Collaborate with existing partner agencies- including community and faith-based organizations as well as local social service agencies
- Host USDA program awareness sessions
- Provide support to organizations assisting low-income community members in accessing benefits
- Improve access to nutritious food to Summer Food Service Program participants and families
- Utilize social media to promote summer meals
- Use farmers' markets to improve access
- Increase capacity at targeted market summer meals sites
- Expand educational opportunities at sites regarding:
  - the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) benefit programs
  - Redemption process
  - Expand nutrition education by creating materials and conducting trainings.

### **Qualifications**

- Associate or Bachelor's degree, in progress; for a degree in a field related to social justice/ anti-hunger.
- Good oral and written communications skills. Ability to present and speak in public on behalf of the organization.
- Detail-oriented planning and implementation skills.
- Willingness to work varied hours.
- Good organizational skills.
- Self-starter; ability to work independently.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; team orientation.
- Evidence of commitment to social justice; experience with SNAP/food stamp program a plus.
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite products with ability to use Excel for data collection preferred.
- Conversant in Spanish, a plus.
- Ability to travel around Maryland for meetings and events. (Vehicle required)

### **To Apply**

Please email cover letter and resume, along with 2 references to: [employment@mdhungersolutions.org](mailto:employment@mdhungersolutions.org). Please include "**Summer Meals Fellow**" in subject line.

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