Child Nutrition Policy Analyst
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Position Available

The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) seeks a talented and experienced anti-hunger and nutrition advocate to fill the position of Child Nutrition Policy Analyst working to expand and improve the federal child nutrition programs. This position reports to the Director of School and Out-of-School Time Programs.

Working with FRAC's widespread network of national, state and local anti-hunger groups and its education, health, and youth development partners, the successful candidate will expand the use of the child nutrition programs among schools, government agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and low-income children and will seek ways to improve the programs' services and accessibility. The ultimate goal is to ensure that millions more children are receiving the food they need, that families obtain the support such programs provide, state and local policies contribute as much as possible to children's wellness, and that the nutrition programs support low-income children's educational achievement and health. This position offers opportunities to work in coalition with FRAC's education partners and to gain experience as a program analyst, strategist, coalition builder and project manager.

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 is conducting a search for a Policy Analyst to help lead FRAC's national, state, and locally-targeted efforts to expand and improve the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assess the reach and quality of the child nutrition programs in targeted states and districts, as well as in the nation as a whole.
- Provide appropriate information, technical assistance, analysis, training, strategic advice, and other hands-on support to national, state and community-based organizations, states, school districts, schools, local government agencies, private nonprofit organizations and activists regarding ways to improve and expand use of the school nutrition programs, including implementation of strategies to expand school, summer, and afterschool meal participation.
- Assist in the growth of effective local, state, and regional coalitions that work on child nutrition issues.
- Work with state and community partners to develop and implement expansion and policy improvements that increase access to the child nutrition programs.
- Evaluate the effects of existing or proposed legislation, regulations, policies and practices in order to determine ways to defend, improve and expand use of the school nutrition programs.
- Write persuasive analytic materials, guides, outreach materials, and reports for use by advocates, government agencies, policy makers, service providers, and the media.

- Manage data projects and analyze national and state participation data in the child nutrition programs.
- Make presentations to diverse audiences at local, state, regional and national conferences and meetings on expanding access to participation in, and quality in the child nutrition programs.
- Represent FRAC at coalition and partner meetings.
- Manage regrants to schools, local government agencies, and private nonprofits.

Skills and Experience
The ideal candidate will possess the following characteristics:

- Minimum 3 years of experience in advocacy, program oversight, policy analysis and/or organizing.
- An advanced degree in law, public policy or a comparable field or comparable experience.
- Experience in nonprofit, government or policy work strongly preferred.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team.
- Experience analyzing and interpreting data strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to think and act strategically.
- Knowledge of the child nutrition programs and effective expansion strategies strongly preferred.
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Unquestioned integrity, a high level of energy, and a sense of humor.
- A commitment to social justice.

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

To Apply
Send resume, cover letter, and two writing samples (no more than four pages) to:

Child Nutrition Policy Analyst for School Nutrition Programs
Food Research and Action Center
1200 18th Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036

Email: employment@frac.org (Please include "Child Nutrition Policy Analyst for School Nutrition Programs" in the subject line.)

Fax: 202/986-2525

No phone calls, please.

Opening/Closing Dates
The position is available immediately. It will close when filled. However, FRAC 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 age, sex, race, religious creed, sexual orientation, disability or ethnic or national origin.