



AmeriCorps Member Cal Optima Immunization Registry Project Member Service Description

What is AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a government funded community service program designed to help communities meet the specific needs in their area by recruiting and training individuals who are willing to devote one to two years serving in selected community projects. Service programs strengthen communities, encourage responsibility, expand opportunities for education, provide job experience and increase life skills.

Immunization Project Background

Los Angeles Immunization Network (LINK) is Los Angeles County's computerized system designed to track patient's immunization records, reduce missed opportunities to vaccinate, and help providers fully immunize children. The County of Orange will be joining LINK in mid-2003.

Service Opportunity Program Overview

CalOptima will utilize the AmeriCorps Member to provide coordination and support to ensure the successful integration of CalOptima immunization data with LINK (Los Angeles Immunization Network) and usage of LINK by Orange County healthcare providers.

Commitment term of service is January 2003 to December 31, 2003 for 1700 hours of service.

Service Specific Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide coordination and communication between CalOptima, LINK, vendors and other relevant parties on all aspects of the immunization data integration.
- Conduct and coordinate outreach efforts to individuals, CalOptima and LINK Departments, and local organizations, including the Orange County Health Care Agency, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Orange County Immunization Coalition.
- Generate and create new outreach and education activities to families on the benefits of participating in an immunization registry.
- Develop effective relationships with healthcare providers and coordinate various outreach activities on the benefits, usage and implementation of the LINK immunization registry in their practice.

- Monitor activities to ensure compliance with state and federal mandates regarding sharing of private health information.

Necessary Skills

- Ability to work on multiple activities while maintaining organization
- Excellent oral and written skills
- Ability to professionally work with a diverse group of individuals and be culturally sensitive and appropriate
- Ability to identify policy and implementation issues, develop strategies and problem solve
- Effectively use technology to prepare reports and marketing materials.

Minimum Qualifications

- Interest and commitment to community service and education
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Preferred experience in working with health care delivery system and/or in a public service agency
- Preferred relevant Bachelor's degree, in areas such as health care administration, public administration, urban studies and planning, or social sciences

Benefits

- Living allowance stipend of \$9-12/hour
- Health insurance for member
- Childcare for children at local reimbursement rate (paid directly to vendor) at approximately \$500/month per child
- Education award of \$4,750 to be used toward school tuition and/or education loans
- Current student loan deferment
- Travel reimbursement
- Extensive training and education opportunities

More Information

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