

## **North Carolina Farmworker Health Program Needs Assessment Practicum Opportunity**

### **Background**

The North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP) is a statewide Migrant Health Voucher Program within the North Carolina Office of Rural Health. As opposed to a free-standing health center, NCFHP works with local agencies to provide care throughout the state to meet the needs of geographical areas with localized densities of farmworkers. NCFHP responds to gaps in health care that would otherwise prevent farmworkers from accessing needed care.

Our particular model relies heavily on enabling services, including outreach, case management and health education, as we have learned that strong outreach and case management services are an essential component of linking farmworkers with appropriate services.

NCFHP strives to achieve its mission through the following core activities:

- Funding local agencies to increase access to health care and dental services for farmworkers and their families.
- Building capacity, through training and technical assistance, to increase the provision of quality, culturally and linguistically appropriate services for farmworker families.
- Building relationships and collaborations to connect and leverage resources in the community.

NCFHP is completing a need assessment for the purposes of informing and improving the delivery of health center services. Through the needs assessment, NCFHP aims to engage farmworkers to enhance our understanding of:

- Factors associated with access to care and health care utilization (for example, geography, transportation, occupation, transience, unemployment, income level, educational attainment);
- Any other unique health care needs or characteristics that impact health status or access to, or utilization of, primary care (for example, social factors, the physical environment, cultural/ethnic factors, language needs, housing status).

### **Practicum activities**

NCFHP has a practicum opportunity for two students to assist with the program's needs assessment. One student will be based in central/eastern NC and one in western NC for data collection with partners in these areas. Students will work collaboratively under the supervision of NCFHP's data specialist.

- 200 hrs (will include some evening and weekend hours)
- Flexible schedule between May – August
- Work will primarily be remote with some in-person meetings in the Triangle and 3 in-person data collection events in rural NC.
- Attend at least 1 day of NCFHP June training during the week of June 5
- Design a focus group guide.
- Conduct 3 focus groups.
- Analyze focus group results.
- Engage stakeholders (NCFHP staff and outreach workers) in the focus group design and analysis.

- Deliver final written report and one presentation to stakeholders.
- Assist with other program data tasks as time allows.
- Funding available \$15/hour

### **Required skills/experience**

- Bilingual English/Spanish (will need to facilitate focus groups in Spanish).
- Qualitative data collection and analysis.
- Ability/willingness to travel to rural NC for data collection.
- Attention to detail.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with interested organizations, agencies, communities, and individuals.
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing in both English and Spanish.
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team setting.

### **Application instructions**

Applicants should contact Tania Connaughton-Espino as indicated below and provide **by February 17**:

- A statement indicating the reason for the applicant's interest in the practicum and relevant skills and/or experience (in email body or cover letter)
- Current resume

For more information and to apply for this opportunity please contact:

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