

PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNSHIP

PURPOSE: Health is a basic right for all refugees and health care is an essential component in the resettlement process in the United States. Health impinges on work, school, acculturation and family life. A health needs assessment was recently completed to identify current access and needs for refugee health services including health promotion, use of health insurance by refugees, the need and use of mental health services and current use of disability services.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Public Health Intern will assist the Public Health Advocate with the following tasks:

- Planning, implementing and evaluating health promotion workshops (i.e. reproductive health, dental hygiene, psychosocial health, nutrition, home hygiene and personal safety)
- Creating and maintaining a database of health resources, services and materials
- Developing culturally-appropriate health education materials
- Coordinating Conducting home visits and making appropriate referrals
- Providing general administrative and technical support

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in public health, health education, communications, behavioral or social sciences, or related field
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Organized with attention to detail
- Able to work independently and under pressure in a fast-paced environment
- An interest in international and refugee issues
- Creativity and initiative to follow through on projects
- Strong desire to help people and enthusiasm for working in a multi-cultural setting
- Computer literacy – preferably with PC systems
- A car/driver's license is beneficial
- Willingness to transport clients to/from health-related appointments/events

TIME COMMITMENT: 15 hours per week, during business hours, Mondays through Fridays, between 10:00am-5:00pm