

Job Announcement
Health Education Council
Economic Well-Being Project VISTA
AmeriCorps Vista Coordinator – Full Time

The mission of the Health Education Council is to cultivate health and well-being in under-served communities by leveraging the power of collaboration. The Health Education Council is a non-profit agency focused primarily on eliminating preventable causes of death resulting from the use of tobacco, poor nutrition, and lack of physical activity and operates dozens of public health programs to meet the needs of diverse communities by increasing access to health-related knowledge and information (www.healtheducouncil.org). HEC works proactively and collaboratively to ensure individuals are empowered to live a healthy life. We represent diverse staff, community partners and funders to better serve communities that otherwise do not have a voice for care, or access to healthy environments.

Poverty has been directly linked as a social determinant of health. “In the United States, wealth equals health.” People living in the lowest poverty neighborhoods (where less than 10% of residents live in poverty) live on average six years longer than people living in the highest poverty neighborhoods (where 30% or more of residents live in poverty). This intersection between health and wealth is undeniable and has compelled HEC and its partners to look at financial stability needs of residents living in the impacted community. The Economic Well-Being Project addresses three key components of financial well-being and security, including: 1) availability and access to fair financial services, 2) financial literacy and education for low-income residents, and 3) preparing for a stable financial future. Specific goals of the Economic Well-being Project are to: 1. Expand and build partnerships with the banking and financial industry to increase resident access to financial industry education, fair financial products and loans, and resources to increase their financial literacy and promote individual asset development. 2. Establish an HEC Economic Well-being Workgroup, including banking industry partners, HEAL program partners, residents, businesses and leaders, and work collaboratively to develop a “Blueprint for Prosperity” or strategic action plan to improve financial stability and security of residents living in Sacramento. 3. Expand financial resources and support for HEC's programs to ensure ongoing sustainability of the public health and safety interventions that have been implemented within HEC's existing programs and address financial security for community residents. 4. Identify resources and partnerships necessary to pilot a College Savings (C.S.A.) program in at least one elementary school located in the following Sacramento School Districts: Twin Rivers Unified School District/Sacramento City Unified School District/Elk Grove Unified District.

We are looking for an AmeriCorps VISTA member to join our team at Health Education Council for a one-year term. Check out the following opportunity and apply directly through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) [website](#) if interested.

Responsibilities:

- Develop partnerships with financial industry partners to support financial literacy and asset development goals of the project.
- Research promising models for asset building in low-income communities.
- Coordinate a work group to assess opportunities, barriers and threats to the individual/family financial security of residents.
- Develop a comprehensive strategic action plan with residents and partners to improve the health, wealth and quality of life for residents.
- Work with staff to expand funding for plan recommendations, including participating in grant writing activities
- Recruit community- and faith-based organizations to integrate financial education and financial literacy into their outreach programs.
- Work with staff to design and implement a pilot College Savings Account (C.S.A) program for kindergartners in at least one Sacramento Elementary school aimed at increasing the likelihood that they will attend college after high school graduation.

Requirements: A degree in nutrition, exercise science, exercise physiology, community health, public health, or health education/health promotion preferred.

- Excellent oral and written communications.
- Good facilitation and presentation skills to communicate ideas, best practices and strategies to a culturally and socioeconomically diverse audience.
- Skill in developing and maintaining interpersonal relationships, meeting and working with all levels of staff, volunteers, and the public
- Ability to simultaneously manage multiple, complex projects under time constraints
- Ability and willingness to travel and attend occasional evening/weekend events
- Proficient in MS Office Suite (Outlook, Access, Publisher, Power Point, Word, Excel)

Compensation

This is a full time, non-exempt position. Choice of Education Award or End of Service Stipend. *For details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits, please visit: <http://www.vistacampus.gov/healthcare> The Health Education Council is an equal opportunity employer.

Deadline for Receipt of Cover Letter and Resume: **Open until filled.**

E-mail or Fax your resume, cover letter (please write “RE: VISTA Coordinator” on cover letter) and one original writing sample to:

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