**RRHD Community Health Worker**

**Status:** Contract position to start as soon as possible. Position is funded through July 2023.

**Hours:** 20-30 hours per week, Monday-Friday. Occasional evening and weekend work required

**Hourly rate**: $22

**Position Summary**: The Community Health Worker (CHW) will be responsible for community outreach, health resources navigation, and community advocacy within specific localities within the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District, specifically related to COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccination. This position will also engage local communities to promote health department services and provide health education in formal and informal settings.

**Key Responsibilities:**

* Community Outreach:
  + Plays an integral role in educating the public, especially in communities where there is large vaccine hesitancy and information gaps, about COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines.
  + Performs a variety of outreach activities including door-to-door flier distribution, meetings with local residents and partners, health fairs, and community events to connect with the community and local partners including schools, churches, and stores.
  + Knows and builds relationships with local community members and leaders to determine health needs of the community and to build trust. Serves as a role model to the community.
* Health Resources Navigation:
  + Works with community partners to identify and register individuals who are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine yet have difficulty with technology or internet access.
  + Helps to connect individuals with transportation to and from vaccine events.
  + Follows up with residents and at risk patients to connect them to local supportive services as needed.
* Community Advocacy:
  + Assists in sharing community feedback information to local health district vaccine leadership team to inform vaccine communication and event planning.
  + Serves as a community connection point for convening community residents around public health programs, research interventions, and community assessments.
  + Advocates for community change through participation in Statewide initiatives.
* Team and Professional Development:
  + Coordinates activities with supervisor to assure optimum use of time and effort.
  + Attends staff meetings and community meetings.
  + Participates in in-services, workshops, and classes to maintain knowledge, skills and abilities.

**Qualifications:**

* Knowledge of public health topics, health equity, health disparities, and social determinants of health
* Lives in the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District (Fauquier, Culpeper, Madison, Orange or Rappahannock County)
* Experience in community education/outreach
* Experience with office procedures and/or in medical settings
* Ability to work independently
* Ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences
* Ability to organize and prioritize activities
* Ability to communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing
* Valid driver's license

**Preferred Qualifications:**

* Fluency in both English and Spanish
* Three years of work or volunteer experience related to health and human services (parent groups, faith-based organizations, civic groups, etc.)

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