



ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEMPORARY JOB OPPORTUNITY
Student Intern, Minneapolis Urban Initiative for Reproductive Health
May 2012 – November 2012

Background and Project:

The Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support (MDHFS) has an internship available with the Minneapolis Urban Initiative for Reproductive Health (MUI), a city wide collaborative focused on reducing the incidence of teen pregnancies and heightening the awareness of the importance of implementing science based sexual health education. Over the past four years MDHFS and other partners in MUI have worked closely with Minneapolis Public Schools to implement science based sexual health education in middle schools grades 6-8.

The intern assigned to this project will take a leadership role in developing a strategy to implement science based sexual health education in charter and alternative schools in Minneapolis. Currently MDHFS work with charter and contract alternative schools has been fragmented and piecemeal. There has been significant work with charter schools around physical activity and obesity however outreach to schools in the areas of sex education has not been as successful. The Minnesota Department of Education has established standards for physical education; however it is up to the local school district to develop standards in health education. In addition there is no centralized administrative structure that supports charter schools. Each school has its own board and administration. The Intern will be responsible for determining the most appropriate structure for MDHFS to provide technical assistance to Minneapolis charter and alternative schools. This position is funded through November, 2012 and is contingent on funding availability.

Job Responsibilities:

1. Determine what level of health is being taught to 6, 7, and 8 graders at Minneapolis Charter and Alternative schools
 - Developing necessary assessment tools
 - Survey schools and other key stakeholders
 - Develop summary of information gathered and recommendations
2. Work with MDHFS on developing strategic plan and Identifying schools most in need of technical assistance:
 - What are the specific cultural issues that need to be considered?
 - Are we reaching populations with disparities in teen pregnancy?
 - What community resources are accessible to school; are there established relationships?
3. Pilot implementation of science based curriculum
 - Coordination of review and selection of curriculum
 - Assist with logistical planning for staff training
4. Evaluate pilot implementation
 - Lessons learned
 - Potential for coordinated activities across schools or joint partnerships
5. Participate in ongoing MUI meetings
 - Presentations of study findings
 - Recommendations for future activities

Knowledge and Skills Preferred:

- Previous experience or interest in adolescent health or youth development
- Previous experience developing and conducting assessments
- Knowledge and familiarity with diverse cultures, beliefs and lifestyles
- Ability to build relationships and develop partnerships with community organizations
- Ability to present information and ideas accurately, effectively, and concisely
- Ability to work in an environment which requires flexibility, responsiveness, and multi-tasking
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proficient skill set in all MS Office Applications, including electronic communication
- Strong analytic skills and ability to synthesize various sources of information

Qualifications and Salary:

- Graduate student with current coursework in planning, business, public health or related fields
- 12-20 hours per week
- \$16.93/hour

How to Apply:

In order to be considered, cover letter and resume must be received no later than **10:00 am, April 6, 2012.**

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