

Community Health Worker (in-training) – Boston, MA and Worcester, MA

Public Health AmeriCorps is a national service program designed to train a new generation of public health leaders and create healthier, more resilient communities.

Join our team as an AmeriCorps Community Health Worker in-training with Epilepsy Foundation New England (EFNE).

We are currently seeking qualified candidates to serve, learn, and gain practical experience in our unique, 11-month program starting on March 31, 2025. This full-time position offers the possibility to partner with one of our host-site hospitals in either Boston, MA or Worcester, MA. In the event that you are selected for a position based in one of our hospital host sites, you will be required to adhere to all host site policies which typically include that you will have received the most current COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations prior to serving. To serve in our program, applicants must live in one of the five states in which we operate and, ideally, in the state in which they will be serving.

While supporting our Programs and Services team, you'll be given opportunities to make a real impact in the lives of those living with epilepsy. Some examples to engage with the community include providing referrals to a wide variety of community-based programs and resources, offering support to increase the quality of life for patients and families living with epilepsy, and supporting/implementing in-person outreach and events. In light of the nature of the communities we serve, candidates fluent in Spanish will be preferred.

We provide an annual living allowance of \$22,500, paid in installments every other week, an education award for those successfully concluding the program, and other benefits. Each host-site hospital may have its own expectations of in-person frequency and all candidates are expected to serve in the hospital in accordance with those expectations.

Responsibilities Include:

- *Provide active listening, support, and coaching to patients to improve health and wellness*
- *Build connections among patients through community-based events*
- *Weekly in-person service at the host-site's discretion*
- *Connect patients to EFNE, hospitals, and community resources*
- *Arrange inpatient support and/or recreational programs*
- *Assist in new initiatives as well as participate in interventions, telehealth, resource referrals, and back-to-school support*

- *Mentor patients and connect them to community resources*
- *Conduct community outreach*
- *Maintain a library of helpful literature*
- *Provide support to host-site hospitals with their unique needs and programming*

Requirements:

- *Availability to serve 35-40 hours per week*
- *Minimum High School Diploma/GED – (bachelor's degree preferred)*
- *18 years of age or older*
- *Legal authorization to work in the United States*
- *Strong communication skills*
- *Passion for working with diverse populations*
- *Motivation and aptitude for outreach and networking*
- *Interest in nonprofit organizations and their development*
- *Ability to balance AmeriCorps service with other commitments in a sustainable way*
- *Organizational and communication skills*
- *Proven project management abilities*
- *Ability to work independently and as part of a team*
- *Flexibility, patience, and a good sense of humor*
- *Fluency in Spanish is preferred*

Position Benefits:

- *AmeriCorps Member assistance program*
- *Medical insurance*
- *Professional development assistance*
- *Total living allowance of \$22,500 for 11 months of service*
- *Earn an education award upon successful completion of up to \$7,395*
- *Gain professional skills and experience in Public Health*

- *Opportunity to Earn a Community Health Worker Certification*
- *Seizure First Aid Certification*

Service commitment will be between 35-40 hours per week, generally performed Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, with some weekends and evenings scheduled with notice.

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