Community Health Workers/Promotores Position

Who is DRCC?
Established in 2001, the Duwamish River Community Coalition (DRCC) provides resources, knowledge, and action to build a more just and equitable environmental future. DRCC elevates the voice of those impacted by Duwamish River pollution and other environmental injustices for a clean, healthy, equitable environment for people and wildlife. We promote place-keeping and prioritize community capacity and resilience.

What is the Duwamish Air Improvement Study for Youth (DAISY)?
As part of our Clean Air Program to improve the health and wellbeing of the Duwamish Valley community, the University of Washington (UW) and the DRCC are conducting a 5 year community engaged study that evaluates the effectiveness of low-cost box fans equipped with filters to reduce asthma symptoms among children and improve indoor air quality. This study will also conduct a community-directed air pollution monitoring campaign to better characterize outdoor air quality in the Duwamish Valley. We will also evaluate individual and community level empowerment and engagement.

Position Overview:
Promotores will lead recruitment for the study and support study participants throughout their involvement in the DAISY research project.

Community Health Workers/Promotores will:
- Receive specialized training from UW to support data collection for a community-based health research project.
- Play a vital role in fostering effective community engagement and outreach initiatives as part of DAISY.
- Be the primary focus for recruiting families for DAISY, providing culturally appropriate advice, and maintaining consistent communication throughout the project duration.
- Leverage language and cultural proficiency in Vietnamese, Spanish, Somali, and/or Khmer to connect authentically with community members.
- Utilize their language and cultural expertise to facilitate meaningful interactions with diverse communities in the Duwamish Valley.
- Leverage existing community networks and relationships to enhance engagement efforts and increase the project's reach.
Roles and Responsibilities:

- Attend training on topics such as: study protocol, ethical conduct of research, asthma, asthma triggers.
- Recruit eligible families for research study.
- Responsible for study activities which include: visiting families in their homes on several occasions to explain study, obtain consent from families participating in the study, answer questions about the study, troubleshoot problems that arise, and demonstrate use of equipment.
- Maintain family records documenting study progress.
- Attend regular meetings with UW researchers and DRCC staff to provide updates on recruitment and share successes and challenges.
- Collaborate with youth and healthy homes consultants to align outreach efforts and share best practices.
- Keep record of time for invoicing and a short report on the progress of their work.

Qualifications:

- Proficiency in either Vietnamese, Spanish, Somali, and/or Khmer, along with fluency in English.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to connect with individuals from diverse backgrounds.
- Flexibility to attend evening and weekend events as necessary.
- Ability to maintain confidential information about study participants.
- Experience with Google Suite preferred.
- Duwamish Valley community member preferred.
- Ability to commit for one year minimum
- Duwamish Valley community members are preferred.

This position does not have regular hours and may fluctuate week to week for up to one year minimum. Can apply to both Community Health Worker/Promotores position and Healthy Homes Consultants. Not to exceed 50 hours per month. Pay rate: $25/hour