Zufall Health Center

Title: Zufall AmeriCorps Member

Location: Morristown, NJ

Job Type: Full-Time (Entry-Level)

Compensation Type: Stipends

Start Date: 9/4/2017

Program Description:
Zufall AmeriCorps Members serve at one of our health center sites in northern New Jersey. They work through outreach to address individual challenges and health system barriers faced by Zufall's patient population. Our population includes farm workers, people experiencing homelessness, public housing residents, veterans, and people living with HIV/AIDS. Many come from poor, minority communities with significant barriers to accessing health care. Members also deliver health education on topics including chronic diseases like diabetes, asthma, and HIV/AIDS, prevention of childhood obesity through nutrition and exercise, proper oral health, wellness programs, healthy teen pregnancies, and access to health insurance.

Members attend regular team meetings and trainings which help them with their current service and prepare them for life after AmeriCorps. Our members also work together to plan and participate in additional service projects. Some past projects include: Habitat for Humanity build, serving a meal at a soup kitchen, and planning a game night for seniors. Lastly, members also assist with the planning and implementation of other Zufall Health events such as National Rural Health Day, World AIDS Day, and other events.

Time Commitment and Education Award:
Members commit to a 9-12 month term of service. Full time members serve 1700 hours, which is roughly equivalent to 35-40 hours a week, similar to a full time job. They receive a stipend of $12,530 and an Education Award of $5,775.

Program Benefits:
Living Allowance, Health Coverage, the Eli Segal Education Award upon successful completion of service, Training, and Childcare assistance if eligible.

Requirements:
A college degree and Spanish-speaking abilities are preferred, but are not required. Do not hesitate to apply if you do not have these qualifications (a HS diploma or GED is the minimum requirement). Prospective applicants do not need to have experience in the health care field, but should have an interest and willingness to learn about community health and work in a team-based setting.

Timeframe and Start Date:
Our formal recruitment process begins in February and continues until all 10 spots are full. AmeriCorps members will start the first week of September.
Contact:
If you have any questions, please contact Laura Eirich, Assistant Program Coordinator at leirich@zufallhealth.org.

Qualifications: Bachelors degree, Spanish (preferred, not required), interest in the healthcare/public health field, desire to serve the community.

Application Instructions: To apply, please go to the My AmeriCorps Portal, (https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do). Click on “apply to serve,” fill out the application, and apply to our program (we are listed as Zufall Health Center AmeriCorps).

Disclaimer Information
About the organization:
Zufall Health is the medical and dental home for the underserved with sites in north, west, and central New Jersey. As a fully licensed, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we provide high-quality, affordable, compassionate medical and dental care to patients in Morris, Sussex, Hunterdon, Warren, Somerset, and Essex counties. At Zufall Health, we welcome patients of all ages, from newborns to seniors, regardless of income or insurance status. We offer a broad range of primary care and support services delivered in the comfortable, healing environments of our eight offices as well as on the Highlands Health Van, our eco-friendly mobile medical unit. Recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) by the National Center for Quality Assurance (NCQA), Zufall is committed to working closely with patients to coordinate their care so they have direct access to all the services they need for optimum health and well being.