

Street Level Health Project

Occupational Health & Safety Outreach Internship

Organization:

SLHP is an Oakland-based nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of underserved, urban immigrant communities in the Bay Area. SLHP is "a safety net of the safety net" and serves as a point of entry to accessing health and other services for those most often overlooked and neglected, namely the uninsured, underinsured, and recently arrived. We develop trusting relationships with new immigrants, offer them a place to build a healthy and vibrant community, and empower them to advocate for the wellbeing of themselves and their families.

The Oakland Workers' Collective was launched in March 2012. The Oakland Workers' Collective consists of three components:

- Occupational health trainings which serve as a preventive measure and teach workers how to have a healthy and safe work environment
- Leadership trainings empower workers to become leaders among their day laborer community and giving voice to the issues they face
- Job referrals through phone help give workers the opportunity to be called for a possible job without having to lose a day of work out on the streets.

Internship Role and Responsibilities:

Intern assists outreach teams with educating Oakland day laborers about occupational safety and health issues relevant to carpentry, roofing, plumbing, gardening, heavy lifting, and painting. Outreach happens in Fruitvale on E. 12th St, High Street, and in front of Home Depot, where day laborers wait for work. Education happens through sharing fliers, one-on-one conversations, and mini presentations.

Day laborers are from different areas including from Mexico and Central American countries. Intern will collaborate with outreach team, answer questions from day laborers and respond to their concerns, and design educational flyers. Intern will be trained on health and safety material provided by Labor Occupational Health Program (LOHP) to deliver trainings at the different sites where workers wait for work. Lastly they will support staff in educating day laborers with the goal of developing their leadership, empowering them, and involving them in the outreach. At end of each outreach session they will support in tracking daily activities on Google sheet and debrief with staff of how the day went and any success and challenges.

QUALIFICATIONS: FLUENT BILINGUAL SPANISH-ENGLISH SPEAKING REQUIRED.

- Experience in community outreach with hard to reach populations is preferred
- Willingness to learn and find resources regarding Cal-OSHA regulations and training.
- Knowledge of chemical safety and protection.
- Commitment to low-wage workers' leadership development.
- Experience with immigrant communities, popular education, community organizing, and/or workers' rights is valuable but not required.
- Ability to speak Mam recommended but not required.
- Works collaboratively in a team and asks for support as needed

Schedule:

Outreach for this specific position is needed on Wednesdays from 8:30AM-12PM.. Intern should commit to at least 1 morning/week for at least 6 months.

Getting to Street Level:

Street Level has a parking garage, is a 10- minute walk from the Fruitvale BART station, and is on the AC Transit 1R bus route that travels from Berkeley, down Telegraph to downtown Oakland, and then down International Blvd and to San Leandro.

Benefits

This is an unpaid position. The most valuable benefit is knowing that you are actively making a difference. The experience gained working in a non-profit, particularly in one small enough to enable volunteers to see their impact, as well as, hands on interaction with other volunteers.

This internship will support your development in interacting with various community members, learning the inner workings of program infrastructure, and strengthening advocacy skills.

Applying:

Please send an email with your name, resume (if you have one) and description of your interest to Edgar Salazar at edgar@streetlevelhealthproject.org.