



Open Positions

The Health Trust: Meals on Wheels

Meals On Wheels serves over 92,000 meals annually to approx. 420 individuals from a population that is ethnically and culturally diverse, and predominately low income. The Health Trust Meals On Wheels program addresses physical, emotional, cultural, and economic issues by providing a daily home-delivered hot meal with a short visit and wellness check, and other complimentary services that include: case management, emergency kits, pet food distribution and audio book deliveries.

Position Description: We are searching for an energetic, motivated VISTA member to join our Meals On Wheels team to increase low-income, aging residents' access to community services, health education and social interaction. This individual will develop and implement three new programs benefiting our clients and volunteers while working closely with corporate and community partners. Additionally he/she will create materials to support and enhance "healthy aging" among our clients and volunteers. This position is designed for the individual wanting to gain experience in creating new program services, project management, corporate and community partner collaboration and facilitation, training and strategic planning.

The Health Trust: Family Health Insurance

Established in July 1998, the Family Health Insurance (FHI) program addresses issues preventing children from receiving wellness services they need by providing enrollment assistance to public and private health programs. FHI serves the community by providing culturally sensitive outreach in the schools and local community based organizations, technical application assistance for families who are challenged by language barriers and health education with respect to navigating the health care system. We target families in high risk populations, such as school districts in the most impoverished neighborhoods, adolescents involved with the Probation Department, and those accessing the community health clinics. We assist over 5,000 families annually with enrolling in, or continuing to receive their health insurance through a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

Position Description: The VISTA member must be conversational in Spanish or Vietnamese. He/she will ensure that families access the wellness services available to them and recommended by their doctor. Many of the families FHI serves are monolingual and exposed to the Managed Care environment for the first time. The VISTA member will research access issues for insured families and seek means to address gaps in the health services they receive. The member will compile resource guides summarizing the services available through different insurance programs and assist FHI in understanding access issues for insured families as well as help establish outcome measures for evaluating the success of the program.

School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County

School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County keeps kids healthy and in school by providing high quality, easily accessible primary medical care and preventative health services to low-income children and adolescents. Operating six school based clinics in four school districts, the clinics serve a population that is predominately low-income and recently immigrated to this country. Services for children (infant to age 19) provided at the clinics include preventative and urgent care, treatment of illness and injuries, physical exams, monitoring and treatment of chronic diseases such as diabetes and asthma, immunizations, dental screenings, diagnostic lab tests, prescriptions, mental health support and referrals, confidential reproductive health care, and assistance with enrollment in low cost health insurance programs.

Position Description: The VISTA member must be conversational in Spanish. This position will include developing a Volunteer program which will include the recruitment and training of volunteers to promote the mission of School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County at schools, community groups/events, presentations, social service/healthcare agencies, and to potential funders. This position will also work with the Program Committee of the Board of Directors to coordinate marketing and outreach efforts in the communities served. This position will be responsible for the preparation of written press materials and updating the organization's website as needed.

The Health Trust: AIDS Services Housing for Health Program

Housing for Health (HFH) is a supportive shared housing program for very-low income residents of Santa Clara County with a qualifying medical diagnosis and their dependents. The program provides rental subsidy and supportive services to promote housing stability, the quality of life, and improved health. Clients' rental share is 30% of adjusted individual or family monthly income. HFH pays the remainder of the total rent directly to the landlord. Clients are responsible for full payment of their rent share, all utilities, and other costs associated with the unit not including the rent. HFH funding is not guaranteed and assistance can be provided to eligible clients only as long as monies are available.

Position Description: The AmeriCorps*VISTA member will develop and implement a pilot program that will assess and track able bodied HFH program participants willing to become economically self-sufficient and graduate from the program thereby freeing up space for other clients in need. After determining and documenting specific client needs, the VISTA member will establish working relationships and memoranda of understanding with local education, training, and employment agencies for facilitating clients' road to economic self-sufficiency.