



What is the Silicon Valley HealthCorps?

In an innovative partnership, The Health Trust has joined together with AmeriCorps and nine local organizations to form the Silicon Valley HealthCorps. The goal of this collaboration is to use gardens, farm to school programs and the work of AmeriCorps members to bring fresh fruits, vegetables and education to residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The program seeks to engage the community as active participants in promoting and sustaining community and school gardens, and to provide a coordinated, county-wide approach to expanding garden based learning. The program will also increase access to fresh produce through the development of new healthy food resources such as community and school gardens, farmers markets, and community supported agriculture programs.

What is Collective Roots?

The mission of Collective Roots is to educate and engage youth and communities in food system change through sustainable programs that impact health, education, and the environment. Collective Roots achieves its mission through the innovative integration and implementation of two core program areas: garden-based education and food systems change. We rely on extensive collaboration and partnership to enable all aspects of our work, and we receive the support of hundreds of volunteers in order to achieve our goals and objectives.

Position Title:	Garden Educator
Position Status:	Quarter Time (1 Position)
Position Location:	East Palo Alto, CA
Service Position Summary:	The Garden Educator will be responsible for supporting and developing garden-based education programs for K-5, middle, and high school students in East Palo Alto, East Menlo Park, and Redwood City.
Position Specific Duties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Work with teachers to schedule field trips for k-12 students. Members will also deliver field trip lessons on how to grow fresh produce, and the importance of eating fresh fruits and vegetables. Field trip lessons will be delivered in farm and garden settings to k-12 classes, and will last from 2-6 hours. o Work with teachers to schedule on-going garden based education programs on sustainable, organic gardening techniques, food preparation, and nutrition for k-12 students. Education programs will be held in the classrooms once a week for at least 45 minutes, and will continue for a minimum of 8 weeks. o Schedule and deliver year-round and summer leadership programs for high school students. o Train teachers on garden curriculum at selected school sites using a “train the trainer” model, in order to ensure garden-based education will continue on without the assistance of the member o Be responsible for the construction of new community, backyard, and school gardens, as well as the general garden maintenance which includes planting, watering, weeding, fertilizing, harvesting, and more. Food from these gardens will provide fresh, affordable produce for distribution to community and school sites. o Work with school staff and community members to provide technical and planning assistance around the development of new gardens. Technical and planning assistance includes scouting possible garden locations, determining what kind of tools and systems need to be put in place at the location, advice on what crops to plant, etc. o Recruit, train and coordinate volunteers. Members will deliver presentations

	and conduct outreach at local high schools, universities, community centers, religious organizations, and businesses. Members will also utilize online volunteer recruitment resources college volunteer postings and list-serves, and websites including Volunteer Match, Craig's list, and the California Volunteer Matching Network. In addition, members will establish and implement volunteer training and recognition activities. Training will focus on training volunteers to support the creation and maintenance of school and community gardens, and the fundamentals of how to use those gardens for garden-based education.
Required Qualifications:	Applicant must be at least 17 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, and be a citizen of the United States, or a lawful permanent resident. Applicant must also submit to and clear a background check.
Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:	English language skills, computer literacy skills required. Knowledge of education, gardening, and working with youth preferred.
Commitment Required:	This is a 9 month position requiring a minimum of 450 hours. The position begins on March 1, 2012 and ends on August 31, 2012. Approximately 18-20 hours per week.
Training:	A minimum number of training hours are required. Trainings topics will include sustainable farming techniques, food security, school garden education, composting, nutrition, and more.
Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Living allowance stipend in the amount of \$4,000 (distributed bi-weekly) ○ Post-Service Education Award of \$1,510

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