



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 The Health Trust?

The vision of The Health Trust is to make Silicon Valley the healthiest region in America—a place where every resident can achieve optimal health throughout their lifetime, no matter their background, income, race, ethnicity or age. Through our [Healthy Living](#) work, we aim to reduce obesity by creating changes in our environment to increasing residents' access to nutrition and physical activity. The Health Trust's vision is that all residents have access to healthy, affordable food within ½ mile of their home. We work towards this goal through direct programmatic work, leadership of the Silicon Valley HealthCorps, and by providing grant funds to support the efforts of other community based organizations working to increase access to healthy food.

Position Title:	Garden Outreach Coordinator
Position Status:	Quarter Time (1 Position)
Position Location:	Campbell, CA
Service Position Summary:	This AmeriCorps member will be responsible for engaging the community, specifically ethnically diverse communities, in community and school garden opportunities. The member's primary responsibility will be to work with Family Resource Centers to integrate garden based education into both parent and child activities at the Family Resource Centers. Family Resource Centers are a FIRST 5 funded initiative focused on supporting the healthy development of children thru age 5 and enriching the lives of their families and communities.
Position Specific Duties:	HealthCorps members will build on the work of previous HealthCorps members to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Create sustainability of the garden based programming across 5 different FRCs o Coordinate staff, parent, and volunteer training o Delivery of ongoing garden based education workshops for both parents and children o Work with a minimum of 2 early childhood education centers to construct new gardens, and train teachers and parents on best practice early childhood garden based education programs. o Respond to requests for assistance with garden design, planning and curriculum development that are submitted by community based organizations and schools serving high need communities.
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bi-lingual Spanish/English or Vietnamese/English preferred o Garden or agricultural interest/experience; an interest or background experience in health, nutrition, food systems, community, or environmental education a plus o Able to perform routine garden tasks; lift 25lbs
Commitment Required:	This is an 11 month position requiring a minimum of 450 hours. The position begins on October 1, 2011 and ending on August 31, 2012.
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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