

Volunteer Description:
Bilingual (Spanish, Russian, Somali-Maay) Medical
Outreach Assistant



JOSIAH HILL III CLINIC

About the Josiah Hill Clinic

The Josiah Hill Clinic is a grassroots nonprofit organization founded in 1997 by the late community activist, Josiah Hill III. Our organization provides mobile blood lead testing, green cleaning workshops, and healthy home check-ups, as well as environmental health outreach/education at community events. In addition to services which help protect children from environmental hazards, JHC works to develop community leaders and advocate for policies which create healthier housing for children. With only two full time staff members, Josiah Hill Clinic relies on the support of their strong diverse volunteer base to reach thousands of community members each year.

Our mission is to protect children from environmental hazards and promote community action for healthy homes.

About the Blood Lead Testing Clinics

We coordinate free mobile lead testing clinics in neighborhoods throughout the Portland metropolitan area. At our clinics we provide lead education, blood lead tests, and community resources for families. We are the only non-profit providing mobile lead testing in Portland!

Our blood lead tests are conducted by first obtaining a small capillary sample from a child or pregnant/nursing mother. The sample is then processed onsite by our blood lead test analyzer. Parents therefore receive their results in a matter of minutes. Based upon their results we then refer families to city and state agencies, which assist the family to reduce their exposure to lead and improve their family's health.

Position Description

The Bilingual Medical Outreach volunteer will provide oral interpretation and translation assistance during blood lead test clinics, as needed. Duties of the volunteer include:

- Interacting with clients in a professional manner
- Interpret for clients (pregnant/nursing women and children under 6 years of age) as they participate in the blood lead test clinic
- Assisting with outreach efforts within different communities (translation, interpretation, etc)
- Reviewing client paperwork for completeness of information
- Maintain HIPAA-mandated confidentiality of client information and results

Desired Qualifications

- Fluency in Spanish, Russian, or Somali-Maay languages
- Interest or background in healthcare and/or public health fields
- Interest or background in working with diverse communities