

Community Health Educator positions available at Josiah Hill III Clinic

Who We Are: Josiah Hill III Clinic (JHC) is a community-based children's health nonprofit located in northeast Portland. Our mission is to protect children from environmental hazards and to promote community action for healthy homes. We do this through direct community outreach, education, and services. JHC is focused on reducing toxins and hazards commonly found in homes. These toxins include lead, mold, mildew, and toxic chemicals found in cleaning and air freshening products.

What We Do and Why:

Lead is a naturally occurring, yet dangerous, metal that is most often found in the paint of older homes. Exposure to lead can cause cognitive problems and organ damage. JHC provides education on the prevention of blood lead poisoning and provides free blood lead level screenings for children and pregnant women.

Mold and mildew are very common in this region of the United States due to moisture levels. Mold and mildew can cause allergic reactions and trigger asthma attacks. JHC provides education on how to prevent and clean up mold in the home.

Most people are surprised to learn that common household products can be dangerous to human health. The majority of chemicals in the U.S. are not tested for human safety. Chemicals in cleaning products have been linked to asthma, allergies, headaches, cancer, and reproductive damage. JHC provides free Healthy Home Workshops, which include green cleaning kits full of non-toxic products for the home!

Why We Need You:

JHC seeks to expand and improve the services we provide to multi-cultural communities. We are hiring three Community Health Leaders (CHL) who represent Latino, African, and Russian communities to help us conduct culturally appropriate and effective education and outreach. Duties of the CHLs will include the following:

- 1) Provide JHC staff with workshop curriculum feedback and ideas.
- 2) Translations of health education materials. (If applicable)
- 3) Assist in identifying effective modes and venues of outreach to their communities.
- 4) Organize and co-lead at least two Healthy Homes Workshops.

Qualifications:

- 1) Proficient in English.
- 2) Has strong ties to his/her community.
- 3) Must be able to pass a background check.
- 4) Able to work some evenings and weekends throughout the community.

If you are interested in applying, please send your work history and a letter expressing your interest in the position to contact Josiah Hill III Clinic, 5018 NE 15th Ave. Portland, OR 97211 or 503-802-7389.