



BERKSHIRE AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER, INC. YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE CORPS FELLOW

Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources that young people need to be successful in life by **mobilizing** and **organizing** community activity, **creating** and **leading** powerful initiatives, and **training** and **inspiring** citizen volunteers.

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship achieves this by placing Fellows with non-profit organizations and state/local government agencies that focus on fulfilling the needs of our youth by providing; *a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, a marketable skill, and an opportunity to give back.*

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Established in 1979, **Berkshire Area Health Education Center, Inc (Berkshire AHEC)** has worked to address health disparities in the Berkshires and western Massachusetts. We have utilized workforce development strategies that connect students to health careers, professionals to improved patient outcomes through continuing professional development, and communities to better health through public health initiatives addressing needs such as substance abuse, smoking, suicide, violence, obesity, and teen pregnancy as examples. The Fellow will coordinate the expansion of the Youth Health Service Corps (YHSC). YHSC is a nationwide health careers recruitment program for high school students. The YHSC provides a six-module curriculum to train high school age students for success working in a volunteer setting.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Expand YHSC program to reach all the high schools in Berkshire County (eleven high schools in total) in an effort to reach over 7,000 students
- Work in partnership with 10-13 Berkshire County school systems to implement YHSC
- Recruit youth participants
- Select multiple health care providers as sites for volunteers
- Provide support to youth volunteers utilizing YHSC model
- Teach modules in after school settings
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training

QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- The ability to work independently and part of a team
- An interest in national and community service
- An interest in all aspects of the program
- An interest and/or experience in the health field

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- An interest and/or experience working with youth
- Strong presentation and/or public speaking skills
- Access to a car required
- US Citizen, US National or Permanent Resident Alien

BENEFITS

For a one year full-time commitment and 1700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:

A taxable living allowance of \$269/week ♦ Comprehensive health care benefits ♦

Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies ♦

Loan forbearance and a \$5,350 educational award

CONTACT INFORMATION

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis. Send a letter of interest, resume and contact info for three references **ASAP and before May 28th, 2010** preferably electronically to:

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MORE INFO

- Interviews will take place in April and May of 2010
- Hiring decisions will be made on or before June 25th, 2010
- Program start date is August 2010
- **Visit www.masspromisefellows.org for detailed program information**

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship is committed to providing equal opportunities. We serve and partner with diverse organizations, and are dedicated to non-discrimination. It is our policy to ensure that all individuals with whom we are in contact are treated without regard to age, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or expression, or veteran status. We require that all our partners make reasonable accommodations for any and all individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. We actively partner with organizations representing minority concerns and interests to build high-performing teams that mirror the communities we serve.

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