

Service Opportunity Data Sheet

Mennonite Voluntary Service



Jubilee North – Rochester NY

Position Title: Bilingual Community Health Worker/Educator

Organization/Agency Name: Oak Orchard Community Health Center

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The Agency

Oak Orchard Community Health Center provides primary care medical services (adults & children), as well as dental and optometry services to the communities of Western Monroe and Orleans County. Working in a federal government designated “underserved” area, many of the patients are economically poor and face multiple barriers to access health care. A subset of the population served includes migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

Mission: The purpose of Oak Orchard Community Health Center is to provide quality, efficient, cost effective primary health care through direct patient services, health promotion and disease prevention. The health center provides family and community oriented services with emphasis on caring for all people in the service area, including those who have problems obtaining health care from traditional sources due to lack of income, transportation, or lack of knowledge of health care available.

History: The Oak Orchard of today was originally founded by the University of Rochester as a migrant health project in 1966. Oak Orchard Community Referral, a forerunner of the present Oak Orchard system, was incorporated in 1973 to assume those efforts. Oak Orchard has grown and now operates two facilities plus a Migrant Mobile Health Unit. The largest site, in Brockport, occupies a new facility built in 1995 and houses the administrative function. The second site, in Albion, occupies a dedicated facility built for Oak Orchard in 1991.

The Job

Responsible for individual, patient-centered, culturally sensitive health education to members of migrant and seasonal farm working families, with a focus on improved communication and delivery of health information and care. As a liaison between the Health Center and Orleans and Monroe County Health Departments, the Health Educator will participate in health education screening and follow-up on screening for disease detection and prevention.

- Assist in disease screening and prevention activities during outreach activities in migrant camps. This may include, but is not limited to, screening activities for tuberculosis, HIV / AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, etc.
- Provide health education on specific health issues for individuals and small groups of migrant and seasonal farmworkers in conjunction with other OCHC outreach activities.
- Participate with the Public Health Educator and Community Health Nurse in developing and presenting educational programs that promote the reduction of voluntary health risks associated with tuberculosis, cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, pulmonary disease, and breast cancer.
- Assist with perinatal issues relating to patients enrolled in Comprehensive Perinatal Care Program (CPCP).
- Assist the OCHC Outreach Team with referrals, health care follow-up, communications and case management for members of migrant and seasonal farm working and seasonal farm working families.
- Use the electronic health record to complete appropriate forms for the documentation of services provided through outreach activities in migrant camps.
- Provide Spanish language interpretation and translation services when needed for migrant and seasonal farmworker clients

The Qualifications

- Associate or Bachelor's degree in Health Education or Nursing preferred.
- Prior experience working with migrant, farm workers or other Spanish speaking persons helpful. Familiarity with culture of this population required.
- Job involves extensive public contact, requiring professionalism and sensitivity to people of diverse educational levels, income levels, cultures and ethnic groups.
- Job involves close physical contact with patients, requiring awareness of compliance with all health safety, infection control and risk management procedures of OCHD, MCHD and OCHC.
- Ability to work within limited office space
- Commitment to creating a positive team environment and being a good team member.
- Strict adherence to confidentiality of all information related to Health Center patients and organizational information.
- Computer literacy required.
- Spanish language fluency required.
- Valid, "clean" driver's license.
- This position requires flexibility in schedule. Some evenings and weekends may be required.

For more details on the Rochester MVS unit, contact Roger Kurtz at 585-831-6724.

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