

Youth Leadership Associate: Camden, NJ

The Food Trust is a nationally recognized nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions. Headquartered in Philadelphia, The Food Trust works with neighborhoods, schools, grocers, farmers, and policymakers across the country to develop a comprehensive approach to improved food access that combines nutrition education and greater availability of affordable, healthy food. More information about The Food Trust is available at www.TheFoodTrust.org.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Food Trust is seeking a professional who will support the Camden Youth Advisory Council and HYPE program in schools (85% of their time) and nutrition education (15% of their time) as part of the Campbell Healthy Communities initiative. The HYPE (Healthy You. Positive Energy.) program works with middle and high school students in 9 schools in Camden. HYPE's youth leadership model excites and supports youth to be change agents in their communities, by giving them the power to choose and implement wellness priorities for their schools such as healthy eating, physical activity and mental health awareness. The associate will work with school staff and youth to provide leadership training, recruit and support school staff that are advising student councils, and with partnered organizations to help guide wellness councils in strategies to improve the health of their schools and neighborhoods in Camden, NJ. In collaboration with our partner, The Food Bank of South Jersey (FBSJ), the associate will co-lead the Camden Youth Advisory Council (CYAC), a group of about 15 Camden high school youth who research health and wellness related issues impacting young people and provide recommendations to Camden organizations working to improve the health of young people. The associate will work with the FBSJ to recruit students, coordinate meetings and trainings, and guide the student's research and presentations. The associate will work with The Food Trust's Camden team to support our comprehensive approach in Camden, including providing nutrition education in corner stores and community settings and supporting community events in Camden, NJ.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Assist in recruiting school staff to participate in the HYPE program. Assist in training school staff to facilitate HYPE in their school as HYPE advisers
- Attend and co-facilitate HYPE council meetings with teacher advisers at 9 Camden schools. Work with advisers and youth to empower them to be healthy change agents in their schools, corner stores and afterschool programs
- Assist with monitoring and tracking project progress, milestones and program evaluation for youth leadership
- Assist in developing promotional and marketing materials to increase awareness of healthy food and physical activity options available; ensure timely delivery of materials to schools



- Assist in planning CYAC meetings and trainings, including food, youth stipends, and travel, with The Food Bank of South Jersey
- Attend meetings with funder to present the work of youth leaders in Camden. Prepare CYAC youth members to present their work to funders
- Assist the HYPE team to plan two annual summits for youth who participate in HYPE in Camden and Philadelphia schools
- Assist in providing nutrition education lessons in corner stores, and at community events, as needed, to support the overall goals of the Camden Healthy Communities initiative

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Able to engage youth with respect and authenticity
- Knowledgeable of strengths based approaches to working with youth and challenges facing youth in Camden
- A team player, adaptable, and comfortable communicating with diverse groups of people
- Strong interest in youth development/leadership and health equity
- General confidence with Microsoft Office suite, technology and online communications
- Residents or community members with strong ties to Camden, NJ are highly encouraged to apply and strongly preferred

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individual with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee will frequently stand and walk to/from while conducting food retail store visits; the employee will on a daily basis sit, use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools, or equipment; reach with hands and arms; balance; talk or hear. The employee will occasionally climb stairs; stoop; kneel; crouch or crawl; taste or smell
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds of program materials and other related documents
- Operate related office equipment and use necessary tools
- Frequent work at a computer workstation; daily keyboarding
- Specific vision abilities required by the job include frequent reading and close vision; distance vision; color vision; peripheral vision; depth perception; and the ability to adjust focus

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate

- Although work is primarily indoors, you will be required to travel outside to community locations/special events on a regular basis
- Position may require occasional trips to attend conferences, seminars, and meetings
- May require working non-traditional hours based on program needs

SALARY/PAY RATE: The Food Trust offers competitive pay, a comprehensive benefit program, and a supportive, mission-driven work environment where you can grow and learn both professionally and personally and be part of a great team.

EMPLOYMENT CATEGORY: Full-time, 40 hours/week; non-exempt

JOB OPEN DATE: September 2019

To apply: E-mail your résumé and cover letter to jobs@thefoodtrust.org. Please reference “HYPE Associate Camden” in the subject line.

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