

**Research Participation Program
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health
Promotion
Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity
Atlanta, Georgia**

Project CDC-NCCDPHP-2008-0023

A project is available in the Program Development and Evaluation Branch, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity (DNPAO) within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Responsibilities:

Possible projects include provision of technical assistance and support to state programs through a variety of strategies. The key goal of this project is to prevent and control obesity and other chronic diseases through healthful eating and physical activity.

The research participant will gain experience in DNPAO's efforts develop strategies to leverage resources and coordinate statewide efforts with multiple partners to address six DNPAO principal target areas: 1) increase physical activity; 2) increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables; 3) decrease the consumption of sugar sweetened beverages; 4) increase breastfeeding initiation, duration and exclusivity; 5) reduce the consumption of high energy dense foods and; 6) Decrease television viewing.

- Work with public health analysts, health education specialists, public health advisors, evaluation specialists, scientists, subject matter experts, and epidemiologists to network, document and evaluate unfunded state programs and activities.
- Track and analyze data from state strategies/activities in target areas to develop written reports and presentations.
- Provide technical assistance to unfunded state programs.
- Develop partnerships and communicate effectively with state and national public health partners.
- Develop target area materials for web site posting
- With support from staff, participate in state training need assessment and planning/conducting state trainings.
- With support from staff, collaborate with external partners facilitate national teleconference calls and serve on national partnership groups.

In support of this project, the research participant may also participate in the following activities:

- Assist in developing and disseminating project materials.
- Conduct site visits to participating local project areas.
- Prepare site visit reports and coordinate follow-up plans.
- Track communications with others regarding project deliverables and follow-up on questions from others.
- Work with CDC principals to prepare presentations.
- Conduct literature reviews relevant to project planning and curriculum development.

Requirements:

Candidates should have obtained, within the last 5 years, a master's degree and two years of related experience and completion of related coursework in public health, epidemiology, behavioral science, environmental science or other public health disciplines. Additionally, candidates should possess knowledge of nutrition, chronic disease prevention/control, physical activity, obesity, food system approaches (e.g. food production, food policy councils etc.), social determinants of health and community factors that improve health equity and/or weight maintenance. Candidates should possess an interest in behavioral, environmental and/or policy aspects of nutrition and/or physical activity. Work experience in state or local health departments or other public health agencies, or familiarity with strategies and/or programs that address the 6 target areas, policy and environmental change strategies that address nutrition and/or physical activity or obesity, local or state public health prevention and/or policy programs is beneficial.

The appointment is for one year and may be renewed upon recommendation of CDC, based on project needs and priorities and is subject to availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend depending on educational level, work experiences and complexity of the project. The participant must show proof of health and medical insurance. The appointment is full time at CDC in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. Participants do not become employees of CDC or the program administrator and there are no fringe benefits paid.

The Research Participation for CDC is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. To be considered, send a current resume, sample publications and cover letter to Debbie Alcorn via email at Debbie.Alcorn@ornl.gov or via fax at (865) 241-5219 by September 12, 2008. Please reference project CDC-NCCDPHP-2008-0023. For additional program information refer to <http://www.ornl.gov/cdc>.