

Volunteer Opportunities at Jackson County Health Department

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities for JCHD Programs/Services:

Jackson County Health Department accepts student interns from a wide variety of program areas including health education, health care management, nutrition, nursing, and public administration.

Contact Tracy Hartung at ext.102

Medical Reserve Corps- We coordinate the Medical Reserve Corps for Jackson County which supports public health outreach activities, as well as emergency response activities. Volunteers attend periodic trainings and may be contacted in an emergency or during an exercise to support our public health response.

Contact Angie Kuehl at ext. 157

Clerical Support - Volunteer would make copies, file, stuff envelopes, assist with data entry, provide phone reception, data entry, put up bulletin boards, help with records management, assist in converting documents from WordPerfect to MS Word and various other support tasks. Would like volunteer for at least 5 hours/week.

Current needs are for follow-up calls to clients and overdue for fluoride varnish, HPV vaccine and someone to organize sexual health clinic file information.

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Diabetes Prevention and Education - Jackson County Health Department works with SIH and local churches to provide this programming. As a part of this programming, volunteers would assist with educational and screening events held in the community.

Contact Michelle McLernon at ext. 134

Women, Infant, Children (WIC) Program - This is a program serving pregnant women and families with young children. Volunteers would assist with appointment reminders, assisting clients with forms, updating community resource lists and various other support tasks. Would also like a volunteer to create internal educational videos. Would like volunteer for at least 5 hours/week.

Contact Karen Brown at ext. 105

Outreach HIV Testing - Testing clinics are held each Thursday from 2 to 6 pm, with sites switching bi-weekly between the Newman Catholic Student Center and the Long Branch Coffee House. We would ask the volunteer to commit to at least 4 clinics. The volunteer would greet those coming for the testing and assist in getting paperwork filled out. They could also observe the testing process and learn more about services for those HIV+.

Contact Steven St. Julian at ext. 168

Coordinated School Health (CSH) – A collaborative program between the Health Department, SIU Ctr for Rural Health Social Svc Dept, and So. IL. Healthcare to provide health education and skill building to school staff, families and children at schools.

Contact Michelle McLernon at ext. 134

Jackson County Healthy Communities Coalition-This coalition of over 100 local organizations is focused on improving health in Jackson County. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of odd months at the Carbondale Township office. Volunteers can become involved in a wide array of Action Teams which are conducting community health planning and programming.

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Nutrition Education and Advocacy – A collaborative program between the Health Department, local farmers' markets, and convenience store owners to increase access to healthy nutrition. Education, advocacy, and technical assistance is provided.

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Immunization Programs – This program provides services focused on communicable disease prevention efforts for persons of all ages. Volunteers could help organize clinics, monitor supplies and equipment, assemble charts, update brochures, answer phones, and provide reception responsibilities, data entry and other various tasks.

Contact Karen Brown at ext. 105 or Sherry Skaggs at ext. 126

JCHD Events:

Household Chemical Collection Events - Annual events that provide free, environmentally safe way to recycle or dispose of household chemicals such as paint, oil, cleaners or solvents and paints. This program helps keep these items from our landfills. Volunteers would assist with traffic control and screening participants.

Contact Kerri Gale at ext. 136

Shred Day Events - Annual events that provide free collection of private information from residents. The information collected is shredded on site. This program helps keep these items from our landfills. Volunteers would assist with traffic control and screening participants.

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