Puentes de Salud Education Fellowship 2019-2020

A fellowship at Puentes de Salud offers a community immersion year in which both the fellow and the community grow together in a mutually enriching experience. The fellowship will highlight Puentes de Salud’s mission to promote the health and wellness of Philadelphia’s rapidly growing Latino immigrant population through high-quality health care, innovative educational programs, community building, and social justice.

The Fellowship will be completed at Puentes Hacia el Futuro (PHF), Puentes de Salud’s education initiative. PHF enhances the community’s health and wellness by facilitating year-round, out of school time educational programming with children ages 3-18 and their families. As education is the most important social determinant of health, we address long-term health outcomes at their source. This includes work that spans after-school programming with pre-K, elementary, middle, and high school aged students, as well as family workshops and community engagement events and a summer literacy camp. The fellow will also be able to attend events, workshops, and trainings in their areas of interest.

Summer at Puentes: The fellowship year begins in June/July at summer camp that aims to support students’ bilingual literacy while preventing summer academic setback. Our curriculum selects a theme for each week, including food, nature, immigration, art, sports, music, and superheroes. We pair these topics with a reading and writing focus, ranging from poetry to journalism to persuasive writing. Themed weeks end with a field-trip to extend learning to a hands-on site.

Throughout the year, the fellow will be exposed to leadership, team building, and community organizing in non-profit education as they lead our elementary after-school program. The major areas of service include:
- Community: Collaborate with parents, school, partner organizations.
- Students: Lead and engage students in educational programs and activities.
- Volunteers: Support volunteers through trainings and program development.

Requirements: Competency and demonstrated experience in education and/or public health and in working with children are required. Student group leadership and Microsoft office proficiency needed. Must be self-directed and work independently. This position requires an applicant to be proficient or higher in Spanish, both spoken and written.

Supervision: Fellow will report to Alexandra Wolkoff, education@puentesdesalud.org

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