



Job Description

Job Title:	Nutrition Education Specialist
Classification:	Full-time, Hourly, Non-Exempt
Department:	Agency Relations & Nutrition Services
Reports to:	Nutrition Services Manager
Location:	Boise, Idaho
Supervisory Role:	2-10 volunteers, university interns
Posting Date:	Monday, June 1, 2015
Closing Date:	Monday June 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Job Summary:

The Nutrition Education Specialist is a position designed to support the goals and objectives of The Idaho Foodbank's Nutrition Education Program, Cooking Matters, through program delivery. This individual will work under the supervision and guidance of the Nutrition Services Manager, Branch Manager and Program Director. The Nutrition Education Specialist is responsible for the implementation and coordination of nutrition education programs and classes intended for the low-income population and the general public. Duties and responsibilities are subject to change in order to meet the needs of current and future program demands, fulfilling the immediate and growth needs.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

Nutrition Education

- Work with Nutrition Services Manager and other staff to implement a volunteer-based learning program to deliver hands-on cooking and nutrition education to low income community members
- Conduct outreach to potential new host agencies, as appropriate
- Facilitate regional implementation and expansion of Cooking Matters programming (including Cooking Matters at the Store tours) by fostering community partnerships with schools and service agencies
- Meet annual program implementation and/or expansion goals
- Follow regularly updated policies, procedures, and curriculum to reflect current program standards
- Foster an inclusive, safe and fun learning environment for volunteers and class participants
- Maintain program calendars, host agency files and volunteer service records
- Respond to agency requests for programming, scheduling class series as appropriate
- Coordinate and maintain inventory of program equipment
- Provide support to program partner agencies in the form of information, advice & materials / supplies as available
- Develop and maintain strategic relationships within the professional community to increase the visibility of the Cooking Matters program and The Idaho Foodbank
- Work with various media outlets to promote The Idaho Foodbank and the Cooking Matters program
- Other duties as assigned

Community Volunteer & Partner Outreach

- Conduct outreach, orientation and training programming for potential volunteers, existing volunteers and program interns
- Supervise and recognize program volunteers
- Inform and encourage program volunteers to participate in the full scope of stakeholder opportunities – cross-volunteering, events, advocacy or financial contribution
- Encourage and acknowledge partner agencies that take on responsibility for hosting nutrition classes or workshops

- Train partner agency staff as needed on nutrition related topics, such as food preparation and merchandising
- Train partner agencies to implement nutrition education at their facility
- Increase awareness of the relationship between hunger, obesity and overall health in the community through presentations

Program Reporting and Compliance

- Submit monthly, quarterly and annual reports as requested to Nutrition Services Manager, in a manner approved by Share Our Strength and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Conduct site monitors of program partners to ensure compliance
- Assure program operation targets and meets the needs of low income populations as defined by Share Our Strength and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Complete per-course participant spreadsheet and database entry in a manner approved by the Nutrition Services Manager and Share Our Strength

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Must have excellent organizational, project management and evaluation, problem-solving, and conflict resolution skills.
- A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience in education, community health, social work, nutrition or dietetics, culinary arts, and/or food service sales/promotion.
- Commitment to serving low income individuals and families.
- Must possess excellent communication skills, both orally and in writing. Ability to make presentations and develop reports that may include technical information.
- Skilled in training and/or facilitation of meetings.
- Ability to manage multiple projects with attention to detail, ability to, maintain focus, meet deadlines and produce accurate work.
- Proven competencies in Microsoft Office products, including internet, Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and standard office equipment.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Frequent day travel required within counties served by program. Occasional overnight travel may be required to branch locations, as well as yearly national training attendance.
- Have a clean, professional appearance.
- Must be able to pass a national background check.
- Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screening.
- Must be able to provide an acceptable Motor Vehicle Record to meet insurance eligibility requirements.
- Must be able to pass ServSafe Certification.
- Physical job requirements include ability to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Have a valid Driver's License and access to an automobile with current auto insurance.
- Knowledge of food assistance programs, hunger issues, and/or experience with social service agencies preferred.

Working Conditions

Work is performed in a variety of office and kitchen settings inside and outside The Idaho Foodbank. Employee will use computer and smart phone extensively. Regularly lifts, moves and carries objects of up to 50 pounds, such as food and classroom supplies. Exposure to a variety of foods in residential, community, and industrial kitchens. In a class setting, may stand and work at counters and stoves for extended periods of time. Frequently works outside normal working hours, such as evenings and weekends, and will drive frequently due to work performed in the community. Mileage reimbursement will be provided.

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