



Project Coordinator, Central Valley

The California School-Based Health Alliance (CSHA) is seeking a Project Coordinator for our work in the Central Valley promoting health and education equity by increasing access to health services in schools.

Despite expanded access to health coverage, too many children and youth still suffer from high rates of preventable conditions such as obesity, asthma, and mental health issues, many of which are exacerbated by poverty. Founded in a commitment to health and educational equity, school-based health centers (SBHCs) are clinics on school campuses designed to interface with school staff to identify student health issues and create seamless access to care, and are focused on serving children who live in neighborhoods where families experience more health issues and have less access to health care. There is a growing understanding that childhood trauma impacts the academic, mental health and general well-being of our students, and school-based health initiatives are important vehicles for improving the well-being of our children. School-based health providers offer a safe space for children to access mental health care services. SBHCs have been gaining popularity in California. There are now 246 SBHCs throughout the state providing health, mental health, and/or dental care along with other public health and prevention programs. The Central Valley is an area of dynamic growth in school-based health.

CSHA is the leading voice in California for the movement to put health care where kids are—in school. CSHA advances school-based health by:

1. Advocating for public policies that enable SBHCs and other initiatives to become a sustainable part of both the health care and education systems.
2. Expanding and improving programs and practices among SBHCs and other school health service models; bringing innovative medical, mental and dental health care services into our schools.
3. Raising support and awareness of SBHCs through strategic communications.
4. Partnering with other local, state, and national service, research and technical assistance organizations. This position will serve as the primary CSHA link to a partnership with WestEd.

We have 12 staff members in our downtown Oakland office and 2 staff members in Fresno. We work closely with partners in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Alameda Counties and with our national organization in Washington, D.C. We have an inclusive office culture and a work environment dedicated to continual learning and improvement. You can learn more on our website: www.schoolhealthcenters.org.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Outreach:

The Project Coordinator builds a relationship with school health centers, start-up sites, and other supporters in the Central Valley. Specific duties include:

- Conducting outreach to school health centers to build relationship with CSHA and solicit participation in CSHA activities.
- Collecting data and information from school health centers in geographic area to maintain CSHA database and to inform TA and policy activities.
- Facilitating networking and information sharing across school health centers through regular

- communication and coordination of the quarterly Central Valley Coalition meeting.
- Identifying and engaging additional partners and school health center supporters through meetings and presentations.

Technical Assistance and Expansion:

The Project Coordinator provides or arranges for technical assistance to existing health centers and start-up sites. Specific duties include:

- Providing technical assistance related to school health center start-up, operations, and sustainability.
- Facilitating partnerships between schools and health care providers.
- Sharing CSHA's tools and resources with start-up sites.
- Furthering CSHA's work on advancing best practices in early childhood development with school-based health centers.
- Working with the other CSHA staff and partners to develop strategies for deepening our impact on expanding school-based health in the Central Valley.
- Act as primary staff person in collaboration with our West Ed partners to strengthen elementary SBHCs services (medical, dental, mental health) and interventions to improve school academic outcomes such as attendance.
- Participate in WestEd REL Alliance planning meetings, contribute as thought partner including regularly scheduled conference calls and scheduled in-person meetings.
- With WestEd staff, assist in carrying out REL Alliance tasks and activities.

Organization:

The Project Coordinator supports CSHA's organizational development by helping achieve grant funded deliverables and extending our membership network. Specific duties include:

- Supporting health and wellness initiatives and grants CSHA is engaged in the Central Valley.
- Providing information and written narrative for grant reports.
- Promoting CSHA membership benefits to partners.
- Updating contact information and other relevant data for schools/districts and school based health centers into our database systems (Salesforce).
- Supporting any additional tasks as needed.

Salary is dependent on experience. We offer a competitive benefit package. This is a full-time exempt position that must be based in Fresno or the surrounding area.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume, cover letter and one sample of your work product (writing sample, promotional material, meeting minutes, or anything else that you feel represents your work) to jobs@schoolhealthcenters.org. In your cover letter, please describe what skills or experience you believe would be important for this position and assess the extent to which you meet that description. We are very interested in honest, critical reflection that is specific to this position in this organization.

Please use subject line: Project Coordinator, Central Valley 2017. We will begin reviewing applications on February 15, 2017. The position will be open until filled.

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