



Job Opportunity Community Outreach Workers

Job Title: Community Outreach Worker
Job Category: Temporary Part-Time (9-12 months, 8-20 hours per week)
Salary: \$15.00 per hour
Location: **Dorchester and South Boston, MA.**
Languages: Must speak English. Multi-lingual Speakers, especially Vietnamese and Haitian Creole speakers, encouraged to apply.

Description:

Tufts University along with STEP (the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership), the Chinese Progressive Association, the Committee for Boston Public Housing and the Chinatown Resident Association have formed a research partnership to measure levels of air pollution along major highways in Boston and to assess the association between exposure to air pollutants and the cardiovascular health of residents living near highways in Dorchester and South Boston.

We seek committed and mature people who want to make a difference and care about the health and safety of their community. This initiative will study health effects as well as the knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs participants have about highway pollution. Educational information will be developed about possible health risk from highway pollution. The ideal candidates for these positions are people who communicate clearly and enjoy working with and listen to others.

If hired, you will be asked:

- to engage South Boston and Dorchester residents in neighborhoods adjacent to I-93 and one other Dorchester neighborhood away from the highway.
- You will survey randomly selected street addresses.
- You will ask adult residents at these addresses to take part in the study. Participants will be interviewed for about one hour about their health, the type of food they eat, their housing, how much time is spent at home and outside and their level of physical activity. People who participate in the survey will be asked whether they are also willing to provide blood samples twice during the year, complete an additional survey and have their blood pressure tested.

Additional Qualifications:

- Strong reading skills and skilled at writing responses to interview questions.
- Strong attention to detail and following interview protocol requirements.
- Must be able to keep strict confidentiality
- Ability to work a flexible schedule – some evenings, some weekends
- Be physically capable to walk up three flights of stairs
- Ability to knock on doors and drop leaflets.
- Ability and strong willingness to travel to the neighborhoods in the study

Preferred: We especially need people able to read, write, or speak Vietnamese and Haitian Creole, in addition to English.

How to apply:

E-mail a cover letter of fifty words or less about your qualifications and send a resume to:

don.meglio@tufts.edu

Or mail to: **CAFEH Project**

**Tufts School of Medicine / Department of Public Health & Family Medicine
136 Harrison Ave. Rm 131 Boston, MA 02111-1800**