


Fund for Public Health in New York 
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Job Title: PICH Active Design Specialists

Organization: Fund for Public Health in New York - NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Division of Prevention and Primary Care

Position Reports to: Active Design Manager, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control

The Fund for Public Health in New York, Inc. (FPHNY) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. To this end, in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), FPHNY implements programs to address pressing public health needs, fosters private sector support to enhance health and health care, and helps educate the public regarding the protection of individual, family and community health.

The Fund for Public Health in New York seeks 2 **Active Design Specialists**, funded through a Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This grant supports an integrated set of complementary evidence-based activities to bring about environment, program, and infrastructure changes to improve health outcomes by preventing the leading causes of death and disability across the life span for all New Yorkers, particularly those who experience disparities in health. The risk factors being addressed in this grant include addressing poor nutrition and physical inactivity as well as reducing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

These positions will be housed within the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control, which is in the DOHMH's Division of Prevention and Primary Care. The bureau spearheads programs and initiatives to reduce the burden of chronic diseases and to address the underlying risk factors that lead to them, such as poor nutrition, physical inactivity and tobacco use. The Bureau promotes healthful environment and systems changes in the food and physical environment and develops programs that promote physical activity, healthy eating and smoking cessation. The Bureau also develops innovative strategies to convey critical health messages to the public. **This position is funded through September 29, 2017; position is contingent upon availability of Federal funding and successful annual reapplication for funding.**

POSITION OVERVIEW:

- One Active Design Specialist will specialize in identifying new opportunities for physical activity in and around schools and the other will be responsible for promoting physical activity in early childhood settings in NYC. Both Active Design Specialists will conduct outreach to schools and centers, provide technical assistance and help connect them to resources promoting active design.

- The ideal candidates will be passionate about engaging a diverse range of community and government stakeholders in the pursuit of safe, active play spaces for children, adolescents, and local community members.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead a new project to increase opportunities for physical activity in New York City, particularly in low income neighborhoods, by promoting active design
- Coordinate outreach and training on a new guide that promotes active design in schools and recruit schools to adopt active design principles, and develop a similar resource for early childcare centers
- Work closely with colleagues and community partners to provide training and technical assistance to school/center staff, parents, and youth groups, assess spaces for opportunities for enhancements, and connect sites with resources to implement enhancements
- Coordinate the logistics of meetings, develop written materials, and make presentations to key stakeholders
- Work collaboratively in cross-sector teams to set joint goals and measure progress
- Keep abreast of current academic research on physical activity, particularly in and around schools, and the health impacts of active design
- Perform other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree with a specialization in an appropriate field of physical, biological, environmental or social science, education, public health, urban planning, urban design, landscape architecture or interior design.
- 3-5 years of full-time experience in program coordination, outreach, or advocacy preferably in schools, local government, and/or public health settings
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team setting across multiple disciplines and with diverse stakeholders
- Knowledge of Active Design Guidelines, early childhood development, education, and/or fitness policies and programs
- Willingness to travel throughout NYC

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

FPHNY offers a comprehensive benefits package. The salary range for this position is commensurate with experience and is dependent upon experience and salary history.

TO APPLY:

To apply, send resume and cover letter to publichealthjobs@fphny.org with “**PICH Active Design Specialist**_your name” in the subject line.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Fund for Public Health in New York, Inc., is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages a diverse pool of candidates to apply.