



Public Health Advocacy Associate (1.0 FTE)

About Korean Community Center of the East Bay

Since 1977, Korean Community Center of the East Bay (KCCEB) has been uniquely positioned to serve the Asian community in the Bay Area. After the 1965 Immigration Act which allowed for an influx of immigrants from Asia, KCCEB was one of five Bay Area organizations developed in the 1970s to support the resettlement and community health of Asian immigrants and refugees. KCCEB has evolved into a unique entry point for Korean and other immigrants who have nowhere else to turn to for their essential support, including health access, social services, legal, case management, mental health, health and wellness programs.

The Programs

KCCEB offers wraparound services across three programs: Immigration Integration Program, Community Health Access Program, and Asian Community Wellness Program. The Immigration Integration Program supports immigrants to become engaged members of society. We offer no-to-low cost immigration services for immigrants seeking to become naturalized citizens. The Community Health Access Program creates access to affordable health care and social services including healthcare enrollment, social service support, case management and a Korean language information and referral service. The Asian Community Wellness Program promotes mental health and community wellness with a focus on low-income East Asian communities. We offer counseling, health promotion classes, wellness workshops, leadership classes and meal delivery service.

The Position

The Public Health Advocacy Associate will support KCCEB's public health advocacy work including COVID-19 Access, linguistic and cultural competence, data disaggregation, anti-Asian violence prevention and raising visibility of public health needs of immigrant communities. This position will support both on-the-ground and transformative institutional change work focusing on increasing health equity for limited English proficient (LEP) communities. The position requires effective communication with multiple stakeholders (ex. Community Health Workers, Partner Organizations, Public Health Department), strong translational research and public health writing skills and deep understanding of public health advocacy.

Primary Responsibilities

- Work with community organizations, the local public health department and other stakeholders to advocate for equitable vaccine access among limited English proficient communities, safety concerns for Asians, data disaggregation and health equity.
- Participate in local, regional and national calls/meetings related to health equity, raising the visibility of Asian American concerns and find actionable community-centered solutions for



various public health issues (.eg., vaccine access, safety concerns, data disaggregation, health insurance access).

- Support the development of action plans for constituent mobilization and coalition-building strategies to support Asian American and other immigrant/refugee communities at local and state levels.
- Support development and dissemination of public health reports, advocacy letters and social media posts to share the needs of LEP communities including COVID-19, linguistic and cultural competence and visibility for Asian Americans.
- Support evaluations of internal programs and assist with preparing and writing grant proposals.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Master's degree in public health or related fields (eg., social work, public policy, health education, psychology)
- Strong public health writing skills, with a fluency in communicating directly with communities as well as public health officials and community partners
- Commitment and experience with public health advocacy
- Experience in facilitation and training of community health workers preferred
- Deep understanding of the public health needs of immigrant and refugee populations with limited English proficiency
- Strong familiarity of intersectionality of factors, systemic barriers, and other culturally-related issues impacting underserved API and other immigrant communities' access to public health, mental health, and other safety net resources
- Must be a dynamic self-starter with initiative, demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with other staff, partner organizations and communities
- Computer and database literacy
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a commitment to and passion for KCCEB's mission.



Compensation and benefits

Salary range: \$65,000- \$70,000, commensurate with background and experience.
Full time position, 1 year contract with possibility for extension. 100% employer-paid medical, dental, and vision insurance. 401K.

Application

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and 3 references to junelee@kcceb.org. Please include the position title in the subject line of your e-mail application.