

COMMUNITY FOOD EDUCATOR (Part-Time)

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WHO WE ARE:

FRESHFARM is a non-profit that promotes sustainable agriculture and improves food access and equity in the Mid-Atlantic Region. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat by giving them hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious, fresh, local foods in season. FoodPrints partners with public schools and early childhood education centers across DC to provide food education and access to build positive relationships with nutritious food and positively impact long-term health, social-emotional and academic outcomes.

WHO YOU ARE:

- Flexible team player who enjoys taking initiative and connecting & collaborating with others.
- Clear communicator and strong listener with a desire to learn and grow professionally.
- Passionate about social justice, equity, and programs that share knowledge about fresh, local, and nutritious food.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

Community Food Educators (CFEs) will be assigned to one of FoodPrints partners: Kimball Elementary, Simon Elementary, Centronía, or Easterseales. They are responsible for three main areas of work:

Community Engagement

- Work with teachers and coworkers to generate excitement within the school community about the Farm Stand, FoodPrints programming and cooking sessions.
- Facilitate cooking demos in person at Farm Stand and virtually during "Chop it Up!" sessions.
- Maintain a database with up to date information on community interactions.

Farm Stand Management

- Prepare farm stand table display and distribute flyers and various promotional materials.
- Act a transaction coordinator; responsible for implementing and record keeping of local food access programs.
- Share information with farm stand customers about various produce items, storage tips, recipes, nutrition and local food access programs.

Classroom Support

- Support the use of FoodPrints' curriculum in cooking and environmental literacy classes.
- Demonstrate willingness and excitement to work closely with and take direction from FoodPrints Lead Teachers, Instructional Coaches, and Community Engagement Manager & Coordinator.

THE PERKS:

- Be a member of a collaborative, diverse team that is passionate about food education, equity, and the power of community.
- Get paid to participate in on-going professional development, peer mentorship, and career support opportunities.
- Help FRESHARM blaze the path of food education forward through enriching programming in historically underserved communities.

THE DETAILS:

- This is a part-time, seasonal, non-exempt position with variable hours, typically 12 hours per week.
- Most work will occur Monday Friday between 9am 5pm; once per week CFEs will need to be available for virtual classes from 6-7pm.
- Working locations include assigned school(s) and FRESHFARM office (655 New York Ave NW). Some work may also be done from home.
- This seasonal role will end on 6/30/2021, with the possibility of extending based on the organization's needs and employee's availability

PHYSICAL & OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Mandated Reporter Training & DCPS Clearance (*background check & drug test; free, valid for 2 years*)
 - FRESHFARM will support CFEs to acquire clearance; hours spent on applying will be paid
- Ability to work outside in all weather conditions and lift/move/transport up to 35 lbs
- Preference for applicants who have knowledge of/experience with/connection to the school or ECE community in question
- For CFEs placed at Centronía: professional fluency in Spanish and/or Amharic preferred

HOW TO APPLY:

- To apply for this position, please complete the CFE Employment Application form No resume or cover letter required! Applications submitted by II/30/21 will be reviewed with priority.
- Applicants should expect to hear an update within two weeks of applying. Candidates that are selected will be asked to participate in an interview and provide two professional references.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

FRESHFARM is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to diversity and building an equitable and inclusive workplace for people of all backgrounds and experiences. We encourage members of traditionally underrepresented groups to apply, including people of color, LGBTQ+ people, veterans, and people with disabilities. We do not discriminate, and will take affirmative action measures to prevent discrimination against any employee or job applicant on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, disability, or veteran status in the following areas: employment, recruitment, or advertisements for employment, compensation, termination, upgrading, and promotions, any other conditions of employment.