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Employment Opportunity

The Food Systems Project (FSP) is one of four programs offered by NorthWest Initiative, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to strengthen and sustain healthy communities in Lansing. FSP offers a variety of programs that work to educate residents about nutrition and the importance of eating healthy. FSP partners with four schools in Lansing to facilitate our school garden based nutrition education program. Our nutrition education program offers four components: in-school nutrition education, after-school nutrition education club for youth, family nutrition education series, and a summer garden camp.

Position: *Summer Garden Based Nutrition Educator*

This is a temporary full time position, 30 hours/week from June 29th-August 29th

Rate of Pay: \$11.00 – \$12.00 per hour based on qualifications (no benefits)

Description:

The Summer Garden Based Nutrition Educator will lead our Summer Garden Camp, a 10-part garden-based nutrition education program. The educator will lead a team of support staff, interns, and volunteers to facilitate this program and teach students about making healthy food choices. Ideal candidates will be able to assume the position no later than July 6 and be available for interview and follow up between June 22 and July 3rd. *This position could lead to a full time, year round position pending funding approval and a separate interview process.*

Location and Schedule:

Our summer camps takes place at each of our of partner schools in Lansing: Willow Elementary School, Vivian Riddle Elementary School, Sheridan Road School, and El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz Public School Academy. Summer camps are held from 9 am to 12 pm on Monday -Thursday (one visit per week to each school). Candidates must be available between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and on occasional Fridays and weekend days.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead and coordinate the “Garden Club” summer camp program
- Collaborate with staff to develop, adapt, and implement lessons and recipes using pre-approved curriculum
- Lead groups of students in cooking healthy recipes, participating in taste-testing activities and exploring their schoolyard gardens
- Facilitate enriching physical fitness activities
- Develop parent engagement strategies and prepare materials for distribution to youth and families
- Other duties and tasks as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Enthusiastic about learning, teaching and setting a positive example for young people
- Passionate about improving access to and knowledge of healthy foods and lifestyle
- Able to *joyfully* interact with diverse audiences including children, parents and school personnel
- Must have a valid drivers license and reliable vehicle to transport supplies, shop for program and travel between program locations
- Must have experience with and love for working with students ages 5-12, including classroom management
- Nutrition education, healthy cooking, and/or garden experience (strongly preferred)

Submit resumes and cover letters to Aliza Ghaffari by 4 p.m. on Friday June 19th

Please send submission to:

Aliza Ghaffari, Program Manager

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All qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without regards to race, color, religion, height, weight, marital states, sex, age, handicap, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender preference.