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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, community-based nutrition education and food samplings, and a summer garden camp.

Position: Youth Garden-Based Nutrition Education Coordinator

This is a full time, year round position

Rate of Pay: \$12.00-\$15.00 per hour based on qualifications and experience (no benefits)

Description:

The **Youth Garden-Based Nutrition Education Coordinator** will coordinate and facilitate school-based nutrition education programs at two Lansing elementary schools. The coordinator will facilitate programs, which include monthly nutrition education classroom visits to students in 20-25 classrooms, a weekly after-school garden and cooking-based nutrition education club with up to 20 students at two schools, and a summer garden and cooking-based nutrition education camp.

Candidates must be available between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Friday and on occasional weekend days.

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate In-School, After-School, and Summer Garden-Based Nutrition Education programs at two Lansing elementary schools
- Develop, adapt, and implement lessons, activities, and recipes using pre-approved curricula
- Lead groups of students in cooking healthy recipes, participating in taste-testing activities, participating in physical fitness activities and exploring food origins in their classrooms and school yards gardens
- Develop parent engagement strategies and prepare materials for distribution to youth and families
- Assist in the recruitment, training and day to day mentorship of volunteers and interns
- Provide resources and support to teachers and school staff, as requested, to support the development of school environments, which nurture healthier eating habits
- Collect and report on data gathered from program participants
- 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 lifestyles
- Able to joyfully interact with diverse audiences including children, parents and school personnel
- Must have experience working with elementary aged students (K-6), including classroom management
- Nutrition education, healthy cooking, and/or garden experience (strongly preferred)
- Must have a valid drivers license and reliable vehicle to transport supplies, shop for program and travel between program locations

Submit resumes and cover letters to Aliza Ghaffari by 4 p.m. on Monday, July 27
Please send submission to the address below with *Nutrition Coordinator* in the subject line:

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.