



Seeking Food Justice Program Coordinator (Full Time Temporary (April – August); 35 - 40 hrs/week; \$20/hr Exempt Position)

The Children's Aid Society is seeking a dynamic individual to fulfill the role of Go!Healthy, Food Justice Program Coordinator.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Children's Aid Society (CAS) helps children in poverty to succeed and thrive. We do this by providing comprehensive supports to children and their families in targeted, high-needs New York City neighborhoods. In 2003, CAS launched a number of programs aimed at preventing and slowing the rates of childhood obesity in the communities we serve. The programs come together under the umbrella of Go!Healthy, a comprehensive obesity prevention and health promotion initiative that engages children from birth through adolescence, as well as parents and staff. For information about the Go!Healthy programs, please visit: www.childrensaidsociety.org/nutrition

The Go!Healthy Food Justice Coordinator will oversee the delivery of our Food Justice program, which is an after-school program for middle and high school students. The program aims to empower young people to explore what food means to them and to their community from various perspectives, including how it intersects with their neighborhood's cultural, racial, economic, ecological, historical and health landscapes. The program will be implemented at seven sites in East Harlem, the South Bronx, Washington Heights, Brooklyn and Northern Staten Island. S/he will lead a group of Food Justice instructors, refine the curriculum, teach the program directly to youth in after-school programs, and help to evaluate the impact of the program. S/he will report to Director of Food and Nutrition Programs.

The program will include: class discussions; field trips to local farms, gardens and markets; a community food assessment; photography and visual arts. Our goals are to positively impact students' food choice, voice and action, which include increasing their awareness of healthy eating and food justice. The program culminates with community food justice projects that are created and led by youth to improve their community's food environment.

Job responsibilities include:

- Delivery of the food justice program with middle and high school students in our after-school program.
- Convene meetings and trainings with other food justice facilitators
- Refine and evaluate the Food Justice curriculum and program
- Coordinate and implement multi-media projects with youth
- Coordinate field trips with youth to farms, markets and other healthy food venues
- Attend and help to convene trainings for staff
- Collaborate with other community groups to organize a youth summit

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

The candidate must:

- Be well versed in food systems and food justice issues
- Be a critical and creative thinker with curriculum development and program evaluation experience
- A self-motivated, organized and strong communicator

Required Academic and Experience Qualifications:

- A dynamic and experienced teacher/community educator who will connect well with students
- Bachelor's degree required, Master's degree preferred

Please email resume and cover letter to:

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