# WHAT MAKES CHCANYS HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS UNIQUE:

CHCANYS Healthy Futures Corps is a workforce development program dedicated to preparing its members for careers in community-based primary health care. You may serve in a rural area, or in a very urban setting. You may have the support of a large team or you may get the opportunity to serve independently. Regardless of your position, you will receive the training and support you need to succeed in your year of service and begin a career in community health.

- **Pre-service orientation:** Members learn about the history of the community health center movement, their service assignment and placement site. They also get an overview of larger public health and social justice issues.
- **In-service training:** Members learn specific skills and expertise for their particular service functions. Members also receive site-specific FQHC trainings, such as navigating Electronic Medical Records Systems and compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- 10 Core Competencies: Throughout the year members attend in-services and team trainings on Community Health Advocacy, Patient Relations, Professional Development, Cultural Competency, Civic Engagement, Health Outreach, Health Education, Emergency Preparedness and Relief, Case Management, and Primary Care Environment.
- Job Skills: Members are provided with the practical tools and skills necessary to perform their service activities and build their readiness for careers in community health. Members also receive professional training that focuses on imparting skills that are applicable in any workplace environment.
- Job Readiness and Placement: Members receive extensive career coaching throughout their year of service to support successful job searching and career decision-making. Members receive job placement services following their year of service to support their search for full-time employment in community health centers or other communitybased health providers.

## <u>WHY SERVE WITH HEALTHY FUTURES</u> <u>CORPS?</u>

CHCANYS Healthy Futures Corps is a real-life education and work experience wrapped into one. This experience enables you to do great things for your community while you grow as an individual and attain tangible benefits - helping others while helping yourself!

By serving with us, you will:

- Be prepared for a career in community health
- Learn teamwork
- Experience diversity
- Learn specific transferable skills in healthcare
- Become a strong leader
- Gain insight in working in non-profit community based environments
- Live in your own community
- Gain personal satisfaction of taking on challenges and seeing results
- Put your idealism into action
- Meet life long friends with a common interest in health and community service

There are opportunities in AmeriCorps for anyone who is willing to do something special, something unique, something exciting.

### JOIN OUR TEAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

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## How we serve:

CHCANYS Healthy Futures Corps members serve in racially and culturally diverse rural and urban communities in New York State, meeting the needs of migrant farm workers, the uninsured and underinsured, and homeless individuals. Healthy Futures Corps members make a difference by:

**Increasing Access:** Healthy Futures Corps members refer medically underserved individuals and existing patients to health center programs and low-cost or free health insurance plans. Health center programs include school-based health clinics, chronic disease selfmanagement programs, related primary and preventive health care programs, and social service programs. Members directly enroll individuals into insurance plans, help them understand eligibility requirements, and show them how to complete necessary forms.

**Improving Utilization:** Healthy Futures Corps members assist health center staff identify patients who need follow-up care assistance (e.g., reminder calls, making appointments, providing translations, linking to transportation) and other health and human services to meet treatment and care plans set forth by clinicians resulting in decreased no-show rates, increased appropriate utilization due to translations and other site specific accomplishments.

**Providing Health Education:** Healthy Futures Corps members assist health center staff by facilitating workshops; hosting health fairs; and conducting one-on-one and group health education sessions with community residents and patients on healthy lifestyles and/or preventive health topics resulting in individuals having an increase in their understanding and improved healthy lifestyles.

**Recruiting Volunteers:** Healthy Futures Corps members assist health center staff to recruit, train, develop and manage volunteers who are identified to assist with health awareness campaigns, outreach, service events and job search readiness workshops for members of the community they serve.

CHCANYS Healthy Futures Corps aims to have a team of members who are diverse in their ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, education, age and gender. Healthy Futures Corps members include individuals receiving public assistance, unemployed persons, college graduates, and high school graduates. All members have a strong desire to give a year of service to health center patients and communities. Experience in public health or community service is a plus, but not a requirement. Spanish speaking applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

By providing individuals with the professional development and experience necessary to pursue a career in community health, Healthy Futures Corps prepares members to seek and succeed in long-term employment opportunities in the field of community health.

### **Qualifications:**

- Be at least 17 years old
- Have a high school education or be working on their GED at the time of service
- Be able to make an eleven month commitment to serve a 1700-hour term
- Have a interest in and commitment to community service and/or public health
- Be a United States citizen, United States national or lawful permanent resident
- Have respect and interest in working in medically underserved communities
- Have excellent people skills
- Have the ability to work with diverse populations
- Have the ability to learn quickly
- Have the ability to multi-task and meet deadlines
- Have strong verbal and written communication skills
- Have creativity and initiative
- Additional qualifications may apply for individual program sites

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#### Member Benefits:

CHCANYS Healthy Futures Corps members, many of whom come from the communities served by the participating health centers, greatly benefit from the program by gaining experience and specialized training during their year of service. By providing outreach and support services for low-income families served by community, migrant, and homeless health centers, members are exposed to a range of health career roles dedicated to improving the health status of hard-to-reach populations.

### Package of benefits for the 2017 program year includes:

- A living allowance of \$12,530 plus health insurance benefits and, if eligible, childcare benefits.
- An education award worth \$5,815 to be used toward previously incurred student loans or future education costs.\*
- Loan deferment on qualifying federal student loans during the year of service.
- Ongoing professional development counseling, specialized training and a wide exposure to careers in public health and community-based primary health care.
- Job placement and career services, including resume development assistance, cover letter writing, mock interviewing.

\* Award is earned upon successful completion of a full term of service. Payments are made directly to the educational institution or lender.



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