Position Announcement

Title: Nutrition Issue Leader

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County seeks a Nutrition Issue Leader to provide innovative leadership for the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of the association’s nutrition education and food security initiatives, including SNAP-Ed, EFNEP and Healthy Food for All. The Nutrition Issue Leader is part of the association’s Leadership Team, sharing responsibilities for overall association programming, governance, and operations.

The successful candidate will connect with local and regional coalitions, other Extension associations, Cornell faculty, and regional teams to develop collaborative projects and to conduct research related to Extension mission, priority programs and community issues. The successful candidate will also engage public and private organizations to address high priority issues and maximize effective use of community resources to improve community food security. This includes leadership for regional Policy, Systems and Environmental (PSE) strategies that promote health and prevent or postpone the onset of diet-related chronic disease among the SNAP population in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins and Yates counties.

The Nutrition Issue Leader represents the association with the public, community leaders, government officials, and Cornell University in achieving the vision and mission of the association. The Nutrition Issue Leader is supervised by the Executive Director, operates as an educational and managerial professional, and is subject to association policies. Guidance and direction are provided by the Program advisory committee, Board of Directors, and with support from the association's Leadership Team. The Nutrition Issue Leader supervises a team of program managers, educators and volunteers working in collaboration with staff in Agriculture/Horticulture, Environment, 4-H, Family & Community Development issue areas.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County serves our community’s diverse needs through responsive programs run by committed and passionate staff. With about 250 employees and over a thousand volunteers, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County strengthens youth, adults, families and communities through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work. Our office offers a friendly work environment that welcomes all forms of diversity, and places a value on work-life balance. It is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of a Master’s Degree with appropriate subject-matter specialization and at least 4 years of progressive responsible experience in Cooperative Extension or equivalent professional education experience in an academic, human service, or industry setting; a relevant PhD may substitute for 2 years experience.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively engage a diversity of stakeholders, committees or consultants in the development of program direction.
- Demonstrated experience in facilitating community engaged processes, building consensus, and achieving results, especially for underserved audiences.
• Ability to initiate, plan, organize, implement, teach and evaluate informal and innovative educational programs using a wide variety of program delivery methods.
• Demonstrated skills in effectively communicating complex information through oral, written, and visual channels.
• Knowledge of statewide and/or national initiatives related to program area.
• Understanding of Policy, Systems and Environmental strategies (PSE’s) and potential impact on Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) audiences preferred.
• Demonstrated ability to provide supervision and guidance to staff and volunteers.
• Experience communicating both nutrition and policy, systems and environmental change strategies to executive and program staff.
• Commitment to working in limited urban settings with diverse program participants and the community based agencies that serve them.

**Hours/Benefits:** Position is full-time and includes full benefit package including health and dental insurance, retirement, life insurance and more.

**Inquiries:** Questions in advance of application should be directed to Kenneth Schlather, Executive Director, 607-272-2292 or email ks47@cornell.edu.

**Application:** Individuals interested in this position should apply on-line. A link to the full position description and application process is available at: ccetompkins.org/jobs. The posting will remain open until we have a suitable pool of candidates.

**Individuals who bring a diverse perspective and are supportive of diversity are strongly encouraged to apply.**

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