

National Health Corps (NHC) Chicago AmeriCorps Host Site Opportunity

What is National Health Corps?

National Health Corps (NHC) is an AmeriCorps program with a long, proud history. Over the past 30 years, more than 2,400 NHC members have completed more than 2.4 million hours of service. At a time of unprecedented need and severely limited resources, NHC members have the opportunity to make lasting contributions in the communities in which they serve.

NHC recruits, trains, and places paid volunteers in resource-limited organizations called “host sites.” With support from a grant from AmeriCorps, NHC members help build healthy communities by providing essential health education and access to services for individuals throughout the United States. A key priority for the NHC program is to eliminate health disparities and the underlying structural oppression that perpetuates them.

National Health Corps Chicago, a program of NHC, is administered by Health Federation of Philadelphia (HFP) and implemented by Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC).



Why partner as a host site with NHC?

NHC members provide direct service and capacity building support for organizations to reduce health disparities in communities. Host site organizations include: community and school-based health centers, public health departments, non-profits, and community based organizations. NHC members produce significant and unique contributions to host sites’ existing efforts to improve health outcomes in

communities by engaging in activities at host sites that confront community needs, but would not otherwise be possible due to lack of adequate funding, staffing, and resources.

Host Sites are expected to provide:

- Dedicated host site supervisor for each a member
- Required cash contribution depends on organization annual operating budgets and PHIMC sliding scale fees
- Travel reimbursement for members during the service day
- Member infrastructural support - e.g., office space, laptop/computer, supplies, etc.
- Coverage for all background checks, screening tests, physicals, etc. not covered by NHC
- **Please refer to the [Request for Applications](#) for the full list of requirements.**

Position Types:

Health Educator, Patient Navigator, Care Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator

Our Past Partners

- Advocate Children’s Hospital
- Advocate Trinity Hospital
- Common Threads
- Erie Family Health Centers
- Tapestry 360 Health
- Girls in the Game
- Legal Council for Health Justice
- Northwest Center
- St. Bernard Hospital



Timeline for Becoming a Host Site

Host site applications are typically open by end of January/early February each year. Prior to submitting an application, organizations can schedule a technical assistance call with Alisha Jani, Program Manager - AmeriCorps, to review proposed member position description, types of activities/projects, and receive an overview of PHIMC, NHC Chicago, and proposed host site organization.

Host site applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis until spots are filled.

How to Apply

- Create an account [here](#) and submit host site application and proposed member position description.
- Click [here](#) to access instructions for applying.

Application Review

- Program Manager Alisha Jani and Program Coordinator Kelly Hiznay will review the materials and will send out host site placement notifications via email to organizations.
- Program staff will send a selection offer letter, which outlines the role as a host site. A commitment form is also included, which describes the initial requirements as a host site and financial processing of the cash contribution.

Member Recruitment

- Candidates are typically recruited between March to August, dependent on member start time.
- Candidates will be sent to host sites for review via email and their account [here](#).
- Once a candidate is selected, all final offers are sent by NHC Chicago program staff.

Member/Host Site Onboarding

- Once a member is placed with their host site, NHC Chicago program staff will help to onboard host site organizations with trainings and orientation.
- Members will begin their pre-service orientation sessions with NHC Chicago program staff.

Technical Assistance

- Throughout the program year, NHC Chicago program staff will follow up with host sites and members on various deadlines, documents, and meetings as required.

