



CENTER HEALTH ASSISTANT

Reports to:	Center Manager/Area Nurse	Division:	Program Operations
Department:	Child & Family Services Programs	Program:	Migrant Head Start
Classification:	Nonexempt	Grade:	22

The Mission of Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is to “Improve the quality of life for people and communities by providing opportunities to meet their needs and realize their potential”.

SUMMARY OF PRIMARY FUNCTION

The Center Health Assistant assists the Area Nurse in the management of the health program. The Center Health Assistant transports children to medical/dental providers and ensures the Area Nurse and parents are aware of the child’s condition. The Center Health Assistant documents health information and assists the Area Nurse in providing first aid.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Health Screenings

1. Assist in organizing Health screenings.
2. Coordinates health screenings with Teachers.
3. Prepares equipment and space needed for health screenings.
4. Prepares children for screening procedures.
5. Documents screening results on proper forms.
6. Assists the screener in completing the screenings.

Comprehensive Health Services to Children

1. Assist the Area Nurse in providing comprehensive health services to children.
2. Provides first aid following recommended protocols.
3. Assists the Area Nurse in scheduling medical and dental appointments for children.
4. Transports children to scheduled medical/dental appointments.
5. Translates children’s health needs/status to medical/dental personnel.
6. Translates children’s health needs/status to parents (if bilingual).

Completes and Prepares Health Data

1. Completes non-technical portions of the Migrant Child Health Record.
2. Updates health information.
3. Prepares child records for filing.
4. Files records according to established procedures.

Miscellaneous

1. Performs other duties and takes on additional responsibilities as directed by supervisor.

ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

1. Regularly attends work on time as scheduled. Contacts supervisor/designee when delayed, sick or otherwise unable to be at work as scheduled, as defined by direct supervisor.
2. Is knowledgeable of and complies with Tri-Valley and program policies and procedures and applicable laws and regulations.
3. Displays a positive, professional and respectful demeanor at all times toward employees, peers, professional contacts, parents and clients served, maintaining a professional appearance and positive company image.
4. Conducts self in respectful, cooperative manner when interacting with clients, co-workers and others, and constructively represents Tri-Valley and its programs.
5. Maintains a professional appearance and provides a positive company image within Tri-Valley, customer base and the public.
6. Promotes positive employee interaction, maintains open communication with other programs/departments at Tri-Valley to maintain a high level of knowledge regarding Tri-Valley’s programs, goals and philosophy.
7. Respects the privacy of others by appropriately utilizing and protecting confidential or otherwise privileged information.
8. Ability to work independently, with minimal supervision, as well as work within a team environment. Demonstrates teamwork by cooperating with and assisting co-workers as needed.
9. Ability to follow through to completion with strong attention to detail.
10. Seeks clarification, asks questions when uncertain of position or task expectations.

11. Participates in learning experiences for personal growth and professional development to enhance professional skills and job satisfaction.
12. Participates in program meetings as directed and maintains informed as needed to work effectively.
13. Analyzes and/or reports problems in area of responsibility as they occur and determines/implements solutions as appropriate.
14. Ability to organize and prioritize work, identifying what needs to be completed and ensures the completion in a timely manner.
15. Must be able to handle diverse work problems on a daily basis. Requires ability to set priorities and work schedule, yet adjust to changes necessitated by last minute assignments and deadline requests that may prove stressful.
16. Must relate and interact with people at all levels of the agency and in a culturally diverse environment.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. High school diploma or equivalent.
2. One year experience collecting and recording pertinent data.
3. One year experience maintaining an effective filing system.
4. Ability to communicate effectively with staff and parents.
5. Proof of valid driver's license and current/adequate vehicle insurance coverage.

PREFERRED REQUIREMENTS

1. Ability to communicate fluently in English and Spanish, verbally and in writing.
2. Familiar with Mexican/American, Migrant families cultures and lifestyles.
3. Education and/or experience in the health field.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS / WORK CONDITIONS

1. Working conditions are a typical office environment. The work is sedentary; typically the employee may sit comfortably to do the work. There are no special physical demands required to perform the work. The work area is adequately lighted, heated and ventilated.
2. Requires sitting, standing, bending, stooping and reaching with manual dexterity sufficient to operate standard office machines such as computers, fax machines, calculators, copy machines, telephone and other office equipment. May require lifting up to 40 pounds. Requires normal range of hearing and vision.
3. Requires the ability to travel by car, bus, train, air or other means of transportation as needed, providing own transportation as required.
4. Requires flexible schedule including days, nights and weekends as needed to accommodate program needs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. This position description does not constitute a contract for employment.
2. Contents of this position description reflect the responsibilities, duties, and requirements at this time. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. has the right to make changes at any time due to corporation and/or program needs.

I have read this position description, and understand the essential functions, minimum requirements and expectations of the position. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and attest that I can perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodations.

Employee Name (print) _____

Employee Signature _____ Date _____