Organization Name:

DeKalb County Board of Health -Office of Chronic Disease Prevention

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Organization’s Mission Statement:

The Mission
- To promote wellness through care, education and example.
- To empower communities to develop and implement their own wellness strategies.
- To collaborate with community partners to provide access to quality, affordable and culturally competent healthcare and education.
- To create centers of excellence to improve health outcomes.
- To build and maintain a committed and well-trained staff.

The Vision
To promote, protect and improve the health of those who live, work and play in DeKalb County.
Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:

As a local public health agency headquartered in Decatur, Georgia, the DCBOH provides clinical care, outreach, and case management at five clinics throughout the county, and strives to build healthy communities through population-based assessment, education, and prevention efforts.

Intern’s title: Food Access Intern

Number of interns requested by this organization? One (1) for this particular position

The DeKalb County Board of Health’s Office of Chronic Disease Prevention seeks to increase the availability and awareness of local fresh healthy foods in DeKalb County through policy and environmental change. The Office of Chronic Disease Prevention is looking for an intern to work with our Food Access and Food Environment initiatives.

Internship project/job description:
• Collaborate with project coordinator(s), urban agriculture work team, contractors and community partners to increase local fresh healthy foods to DeKalb County
• Plan and implement sustainable strategies for improving urban agriculture in DeKalb, including markets, farms and urban agriculture policy
• Implement a Clarkston Community Farmer’s Market Outreach Campaign and engage stakeholders in these efforts
• Build relationships with the DeKalb Urban Agriculture Team and communicate with Coordinators to discuss project, ideas, and concerns.
• Collect, enter and analyze food access data
• Conduct literature review and contribute to the reports and documents
• Support project staff and assist with other food access work as the need arises.
**Qualifications:**

Course work in education, nutrition, Public Health, food systems or agriculture is desirable. Strong interest in the local food movement. Able to handle multiple priorities, organizes time effectively, and works independently and as a team player. Able to innovative when thinking about unique problems, opportunities, and situations. Strong written and verbal skills. Able to build strong relationships with key people inside and outside the agency.

The ideal candidate will have the following personal characteristics: a high energy level; a sense of urgency; excellent listening skills; cooperative communications skills; innovative minded.

**Other requirements:**
N/A

**Will the internship require that the student have a car?**
A car is preferred but not required

**Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?** Yes