

Field Staff Opportunities in CDC's Immunization Services Division

The Program Operations Branch (POB), Immunization Services Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is looking for interested candidates for the position of Public Health Advisor (PHA). POB currently assigns PHAs to state and some local health departments to provide technical assistance and support to their CDC grant-funded immunization programs. Field-assigned PHAs represent the direct link between CDC and the immunization grantee where the PHA is assigned.

POB will be hiring one entry-level position for assignment in each of the following locations: Raleigh, North Carolina; Olympia, Washington; Chicago, Illinois; and Los Angeles, California. Newly hired field staff will spend a period of approximately one month at CDC headquarters in Atlanta for a complete orientation to all components of the immunization grant program prior to reporting to their assignments. An initial two-year assignment to one of the four training sites would follow. At the end of the first two-year assignment, staff would be transferred to another of the four training locations for an additional two-year assignment. Upon successful completion of the four-year training, staff would be eligible for deployment to another CDC grant-funded state or local health department.

These training positions would be filled at the GS-9 grade level, salary range 46,489 - 49,847, with promotion to the GS-11 grade level with satisfactory performance after the first two-year assignment. Promotional opportunities to the GS-12 level would be available to successful candidates upon completion of the four-year training program. Subsequent promotion to the GS-13 level and higher would be dependent on employee's interest and ability, POB program need and availability to relocate.

Since PHAs are public health generalists, there is no required program-specific concentration. Qualified candidates must possess excellent oral and written communication skills as well as excellent interpersonal skills.

The projected start date for new hires would be August 2, 2009. These jobs will be posted online at www.usajobs.gov in March 2009. CDC Public Health Advisors will be on campus to talk with interested candidates prior to the application deadline.