



NYSPHC Alumni Directory

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The Alumni Directory is an index of former NYSPHC Fellows listed by primary focus areas.

The NYSPHC Alumni Directory is a networking tool for past and current NYSPHC Fellows. Fellows are encouraged to use this directory to expand their professional networks and build community.

The directory is updated on an as-needed basis when Alumni submit their profiles to the program.

NYSPHC Alumni

Communications

Andrea Mott

Emergency Preparedness

Epidemiology and Data

Judy George

Ashley Lewis

Meghan Sheridan

Laboratory Reporting

Daniel Kanevsky

Partnership Development

Policy Development

Program and Organizational Management

Christina Bridge

Ashely Heacock

Elizabeth Urbanski-Farrell

Kevin Wang

Other

Angelica Burgos-Nieves

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CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Public Health
Specialist

Organization: Livingston
County Department of Health

Organization Type:
Government (Local)

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Communications



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Health equity
- General
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- Reaccreditation

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

I was brand new to Public Health when I applied to the NYSPHC Fellowship. All of the skills I have are thanks to the support of the Fellowship program and my local health department.

Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

Yes! The NYSPHC Fellowship is the perfect opportunity to grow as a professional and find your niche in Public Health.



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CURRENT ROLE

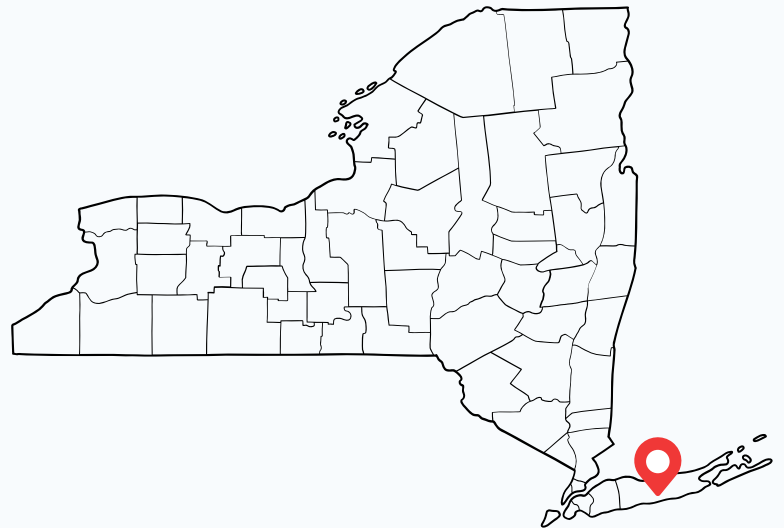
Job Title: Public Health Field Services Representative

Organization: NYSDOH

Organization Type:
Government (State)

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Epidemiology and Data



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Communicable disease

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

Opened my eyes to the world of public health.

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

I learned so much about immunizations which has continued to peek my interest.



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CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Epidemiologist

Organization: Rural Health Institute of New York

Organization Type: Non-profit

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Epidemiology and Data



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Public health infrastructure development
- Housing security
- Substance use

Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

Yes, wonderful program for recent grads especially.



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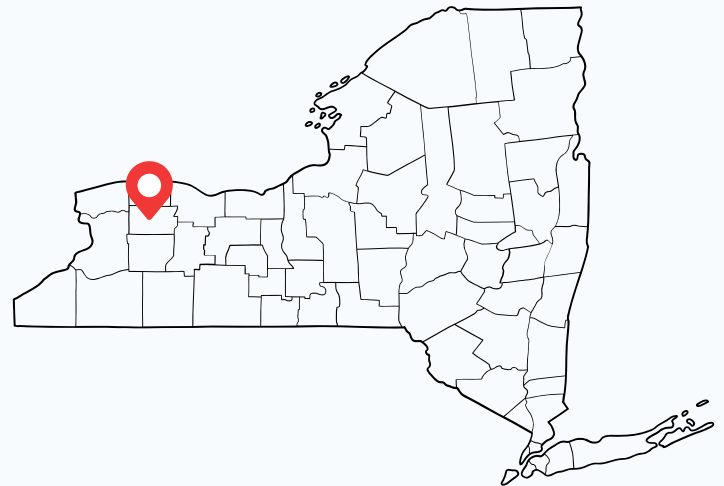
CURRENT EDUCATION

Epidemiology MS

University of Rochester
Medical Center

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Epidemiology and Data



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Maternal, infant, and family health
- General
- Child and school health
- Substance use
- Violence and injury prevention

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

My fellowship helped me find my path to my grad program. I felt well prepared to enter it and apply my knowledge.

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

I gained a lot of confidence through my role. I learned how to function in the work place. I feel prepared to attend graduate school and for a career post grad.



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Technician I

Organization: Rockland DOH

Organization Type:
Government (Local)

CURRENT EDUCATION

Master of Public Health

**Eastern Washington
University**

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Laboratory Reporting



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Communicable disease
- Environmental health
- General

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

It helped me network and get the job I currently have.

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

I helped with contact tracing for over 400 cases over the course of the year.



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CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Public Health Specialist (Environment)

Organization: NYS
Department of Health

Organization Type:
Government (State)

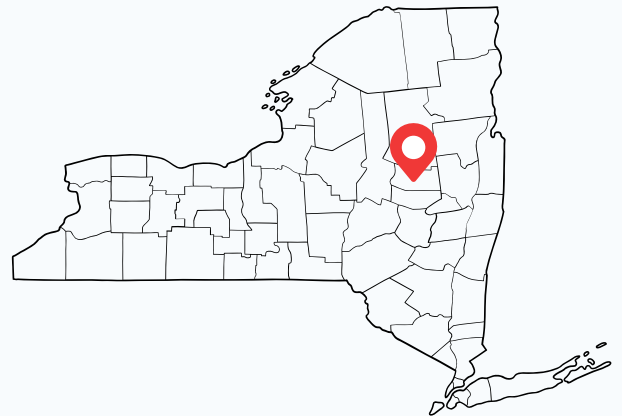
CURRENT EDUCATION

Doctor of Public Health

UAlbany

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational Management



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Child and school health
- Community health assessments/community improvement plans
- Environmental health

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

My experience with NYSPHC guided my fundamental public health knowledge in order to successfully implement a state level program, including data analysis, program management, stakeholder engagement, and more.

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

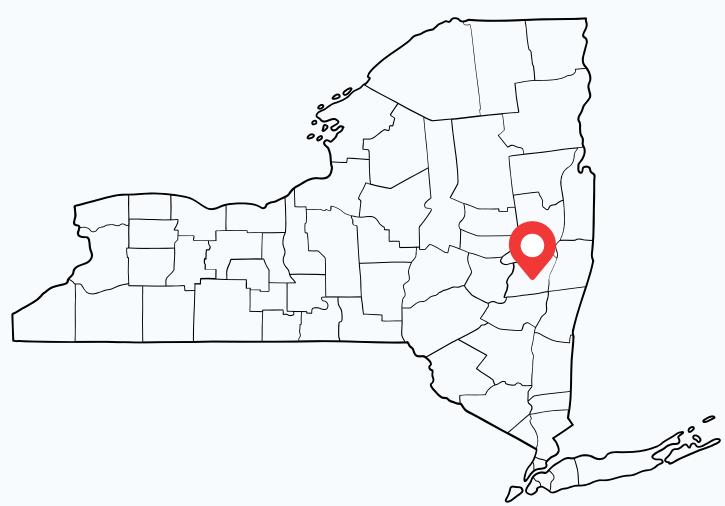
During my fellowship at Fulton County Public Health, I created an "Employee Walking Guide" which maps out short 6-7 minute walking routes that individuals can utilize during breaks or lunch to encourage more physical activity.



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CURRENT EDUCATION

MPH in Health Policy and Management

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PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational Management

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Communicable disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Health equity
- Public health infrastructure development
- STIs/HIV

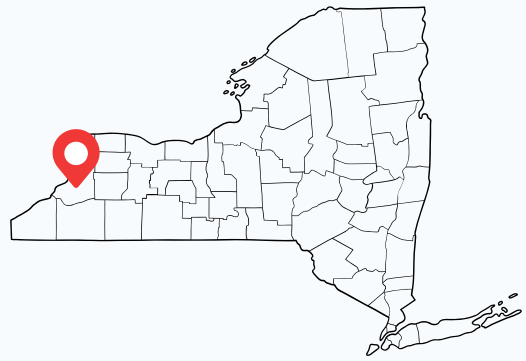
How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

The experience I received working with BHSFS was extremely valuable, real life HIV/STI data, working with patients, understanding a department of health role/view, and networking with other fellows.




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CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Health and Social Care Strategic Consultant

Organization: Self-employed

Organization Type: Serves non-profits, hospitals, healthcare clinics (FQHCs), and government (local health departments)

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organization Management

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Public health infrastructure development
- Chronic disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Grant writing and data analysis, published reports, and stakeholder communications and management
- Oral Health
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- Nutrition and food security
- COVID-19
- Health literacy
- Health equity

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

The NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship program expanded my public health knowledge and connections through education and direct experience in collaboratively designing and building public health programs with stakeholders in the community, nonprofits and government agencies; public health data collection and research; grant application design and program management.




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CURRENT ROLE

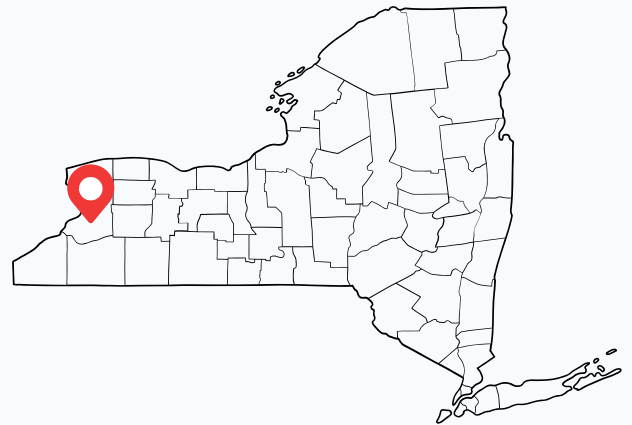
Job Title: Assistant Program Specialist

**Organization: 1199SEIU
Training & Employment
Funds**

Organization Type: Non-Profit

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational Management



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Communicable disease
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- Nutrition and food security

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

The NYSPHC Fellowship helped me gain hands-on experience with disciplines in health promotion, project management, and literature research.

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

Assisted with the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a community health literacy program. Curated multiple literature reviews to support health promotion projects.



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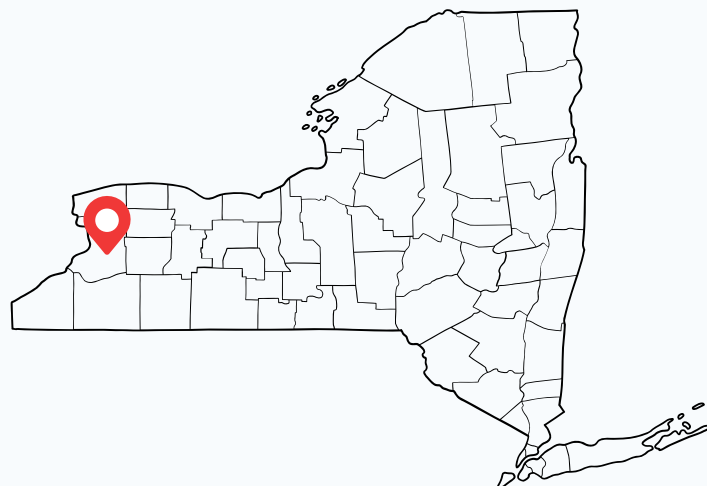
Job Title: Work/Life Solutions
Resource Coordinator

**Organization: United Way of
Buffalo & Erie County**

Organization Type: Non-profit/NGO

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Workforce Development



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Health equity
- Housing security
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- Substance use
- Workforce development

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

I was able to learn more about what Public Health is through the essentials course.



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CURRENT ROLE

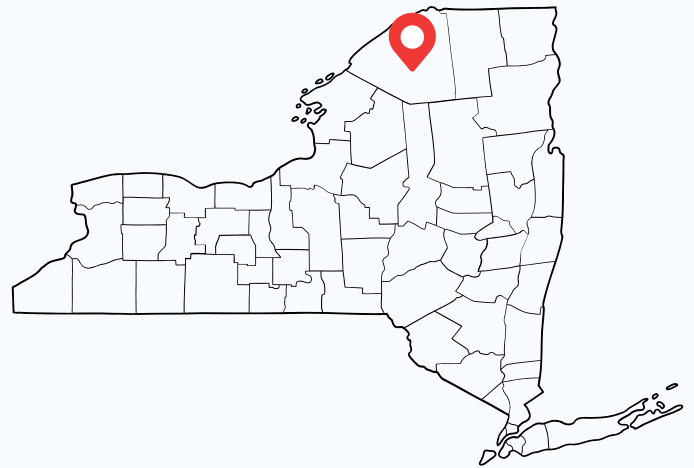
Job Title: Senior
Accountant Clerk

**Organization: St. Lawrence
County Public Health Department**

Organization Type:
Government (Local)

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Fiscal



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Strategic planning and budgeting
- Health equity
- Public health infrastructure development
- Workforce development
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

It was really cool to see myself being used as an example at the NACCHO conference this summer, highlighting the successes of the fellowship program.

Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others? Why or why not?

Yes it was very rewarding and has helped me discover public health as a career path even without a public health or nursing background.



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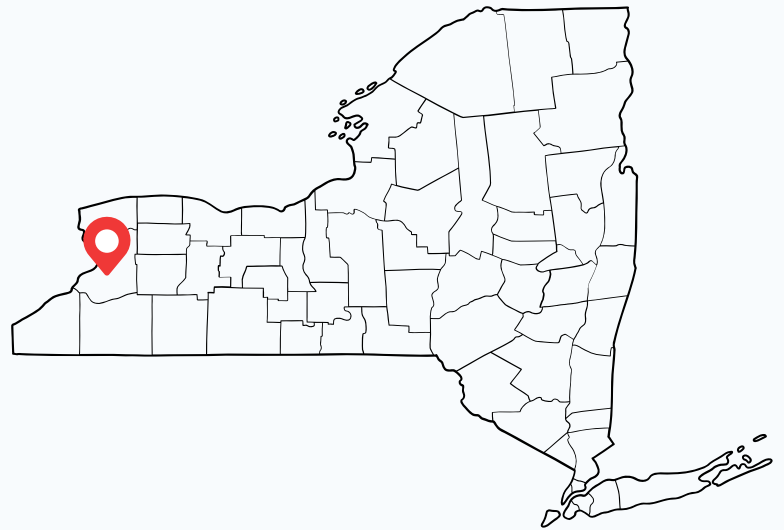
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PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Workers Compensation



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- General
- Health literacy
- Oral health

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

It really opened my eyes to the way CBOs worked and the need of resources to keep going. Learning about public health was an eye opener as well. It challenged some of my thoughts and made me think of things in a way I had not before.




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CURRENT ROLE

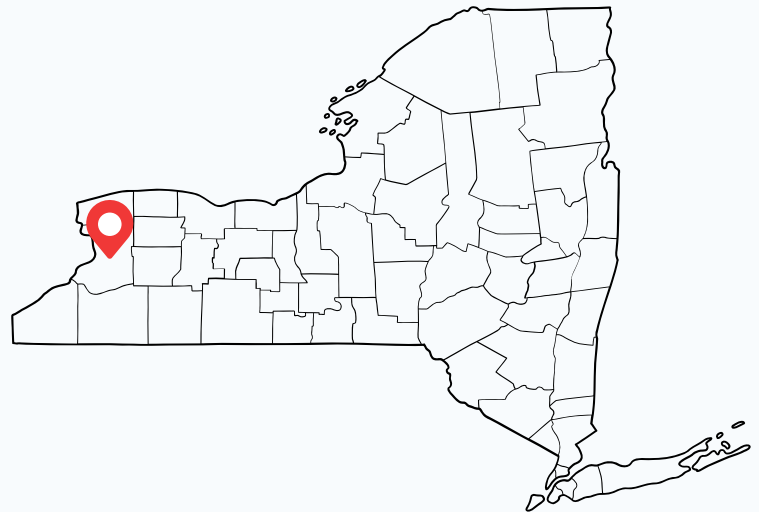
Job Title: Program Director

Organization: Literacy Buffalo Niagara

Organization Type: Non-profit/NGO

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Education



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

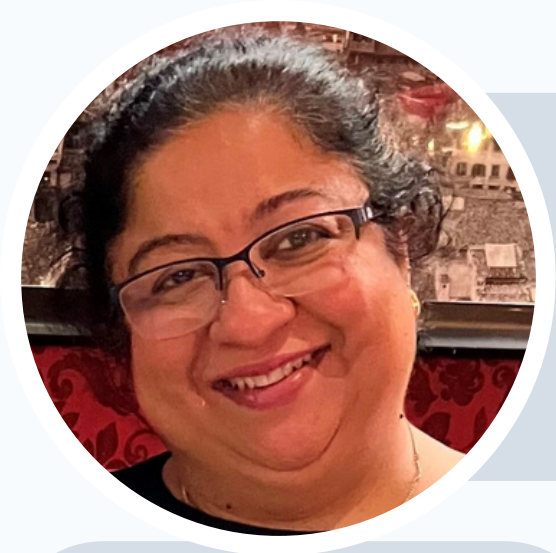
- Health literacy
- Digital literacy

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

My experience was able to help me better identify and target the needs within my local community.

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

The positive outcomes that I was able to demonstrate during my fellowship time have allowed my placement organization (Literacy Buffalo Niagara) to convince their board to extend funding for me to work for them and institute a program based on my design.



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CURRENT ROLE

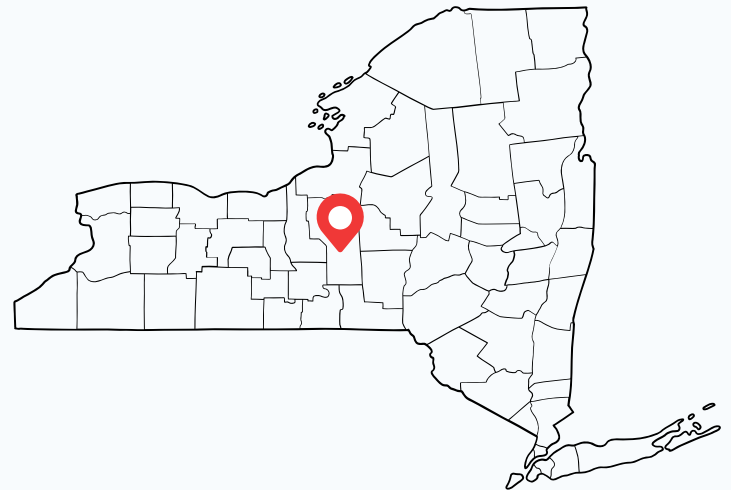
Job Title: Employment Manager

Organization: Community Options

Organization Type: Non-profit/NGO

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in achieving and maintaining meaningful, integrated employment



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Workforce development
- Public health and human services, job to development and coaching

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

It gave me the confidence to pursue my dream of coming into a Management Role.



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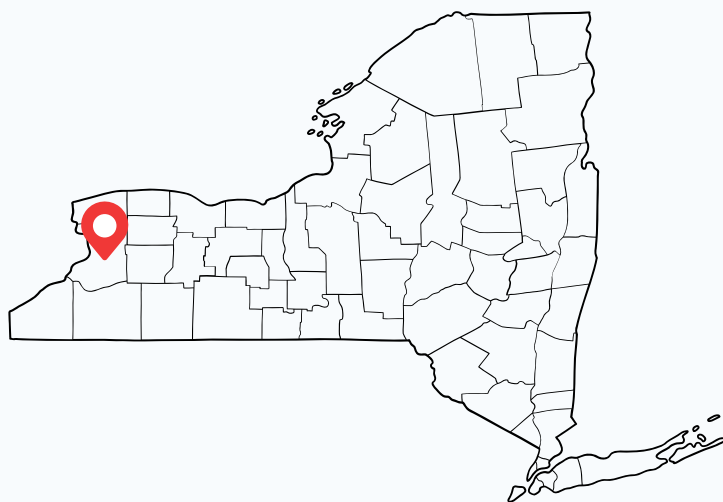
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PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Paralegal



AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Civil Litigation

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

I realized I want to go to law school.

Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others? Why or why not?

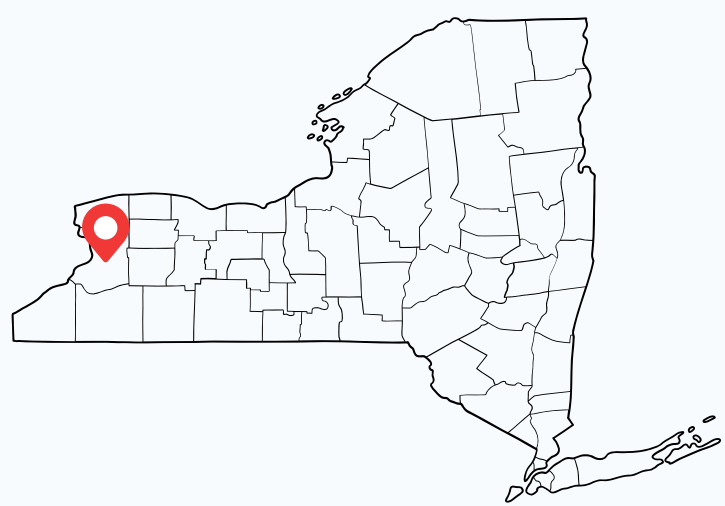
I would strongly encourage this fellowship opportunity to others. I found this experience to be very positive and it allowed me to try areas such as grant writing that I never had the opportunity to try before.



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CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Accreditation Specialist

Organization: Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

Organization Type: Non-profit/NGO

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Accreditation

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Health literacy
- Health equity
- Nutrition and food security
- Public health infrastructure development
- Workforce development

How did your experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program shape your current job or education status?

It helped me build connections and experience to acquire my current job with the Council on Education for Public Health.



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CURRENT ROLE

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Placement Specialist

Organization: HRI

Organization Type:
Government (State)

CURRENT EDUCATION

Master of Public Health

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PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Workforce development/
NYSPHC Staff

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Communicable disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- COVID-19
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- STIs/HIV
- Workforce development

Please share any highlights or success stories from your Fellowship experience.

One of the biggest highlights from my time in the fellowship was co-founding Capital Region Menstrual Health (CRMH), an initiative created to address period poverty, or the inability to afford menstrual products. Through a combination of product distribution and community education, we provided over 200,000 menstrual products to individuals in need and raised awareness about the importance of menstrual health and equity. We launched over nine Free Period Pantries across Albany, Schenectady, and Troy. These 24/7 outdoor pantries were stocked with a variety of menstrual hygiene products and placed in high-need areas to ensure that products were available to those who needed them most.

I am happy to say that these period pantries are still in operation, even though our fellowship term has come to an end. A wonderful organization called the MoonCatcher project graciously offered to take over the project, and they are still going strong. Check out their work here: <https://www.mooncatcher.org/>