



# NYSPHC Final Alumni & Fellow Directory

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Cohorts 1.0 & 2.0



This directory includes Alumni & Fellow profiles for NYSPHC participants from cohorts 1.0 & 2.0.

The Final Alumni & Fellow Directory is a networking tool; Fellows are encouraged to use this directory to expand their professional networks and build community.

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# NYSPHC Final Fellow and Alumni Directory

## **Fellow and Alumni Profiles**

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Marissa Sogluizzo (Alumni Profile)

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Megan Polhamus (Alumni Profile)

Megan Vadala (Alumni Profile)

Meghan Sheridan (Alumni Profile)

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# ABHISHEK PANDEY

He/Him B.S.,  
M.S.



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Communicable diseases
- Arthropod-borne diseases



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

In my free time I enjoy watching and playing many different sports and exercising. I enjoy being outside trying out different bars and restaurants with my friends. Overall, I like being outdoors as it provides a nice reset from a busy work schedule.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I took a cinema class in my undergrad which made me interested in movies. Currently, my favorite movie is Midnight Cowboy.

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Being a NYSPHC Fellow fits with my larger career goals of becoming an epidemiologist. Through my contributions to surveillance efforts, data analysis, and educational outreach, I am gaining practical insight into the applications of epidemiology in controlling communicable diseases. As well as, learning how public health scientists collaborate with other agencies, healthcare professionals, policymakers, and the general public. These experiences are an essential step toward becoming a complete public health worker and scientist.

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# ADAM ROJAS

He/Him  
BA, MS



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Year** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Substance Use
- Violence and Injury Prevention
- Community Health Assessments/Community Health Improvement Plans (CHA/CHIP)



## ABOUT ME

**What do you do in your free time?**

Exercise! :)

**What is a fun fact about yourself?**

I enjoy traveling!

**How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?**

I am very much interested in pursuing health promotion as a career going forward!

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# ADESHINA BELLO

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## EXPERIENCE

**3 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Health equity
- Climate and Health
- General
- Environmental health



## ABOUT ME

**What do you do in your free time?**

Play table tennis

## CONTACT ME



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## How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Being a NYSPHC Fellow provides me with the opportunity to gain hands-on training within a local health department, which is crucial for deepening my understanding of public health practices. Additionally, the Fellowship offers exposure to various capacity-building training programs that will enhance my skills and prepare me for leadership roles in the field. This experience directly aligns with my larger career goals by equipping me with the knowledge and practical expertise to make a meaningful impact on public health initiatives and policies.

# ALEXANDER MORRISON

He/Him  
MPH



## EXPERIENCE

**1-3 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Health Equity
- Community Health Assessments/Community Health Improvement Plans (CHA/CHIP)



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I enjoy reading, exploring new places (cafes, bubble tea shops, parks, museums), and playing tennis.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I taught as a tennis instructor for three years!

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Being a NYSPHC Fellow within the state health department has allowed me to meet a wide variety of stakeholders and play a role in the collaborative process of the Prevention Agenda/State Health Improvement Plan. As this encompasses several areas in public health and works to address the social determinants of health and health equity, being a public health fellow is supporting my larger career goals in working to reduce health disparities on a state/federal level.

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## CURRENT EDUCATION

Allopathic Medicine (MD)

Louisiana State University  
Health Sciences Center -  
School of Medicine



## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- Public health infrastructure development

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

It directly influenced my choice to pursue an MPH and shaped my current work as a medical student and researcher — from launching mentorship and community programs to designing protocols for proteomics research on reproductive health. The fellowship also expanded my professional network and taught me how to turn public-health evidence into actionable clinical and community interventions.

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

Since participating as a NYSPHC Fellow at the New York State Department of Health, I have been accepted into medical school and am now nearing the completion of my first year. This program equipped me with valuable skills and experiences that strengthened my medical school application and prepared me for the rigors of medical training. My time at the Department of Health significantly enhanced my efficiency, time management, and professionalism—skills that continue to benefit me in my medical career. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity and its lasting impact on my journey.

# ALICE SPINA

She/Her  
MPH



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Year** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Health Literacy
- Health Equity



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I like to spend time outside, cook and try new foods, and find opportunities to travel.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I am trying to cook with more beans and lentils – let me know if you have any good recipes!

### How does being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

I hope to use my time as a NYSPHC Fellow to continue learning about the broader themes of public health in practice and to hone my skills in the areas where I am most interested, particularly in working to address and prevent health disparities. I am also excited about connecting with public health professionals across the state, especially our cohort of NYSPHC Fellows.

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# ALLYSON CASTELLANI

She/Her  
MPH



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Year** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I love to travel, hike, and read.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I used to show horses as a show jumper, a sport I hope to get back into someday.

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Being a NYSPHC fellow is a great opportunity to deepen my understanding of work being done at the local level and explore what future path aligns best with my goals.

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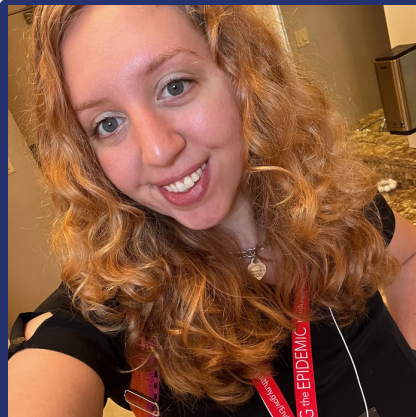
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# ALYCE BILELLO

She/Her BS in Public Health



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Year** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Community Health Assessments/Community Health Improvement Plans (CHA/CHIP)
- Substance Use
- STIs/HIV
- Health Equity
- Child and School Health



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

Going for walks or hikes, reading thriller or horror books, baking cookies, being out in nature.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I love open toasted grilled cheese - with cinnamon and sugar on top!

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Being a NYSPHC Fellow has been a goal of mine since I was undergrad at UAlbany. They came to table at a job fair, and I fell in love with the idea of being a Fellow. The experience that the Fellowship offers is something I was looking for when I graduated, and I am very grateful to be able to serve my community and start off my public health career strong!

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### CURRENT ROLE

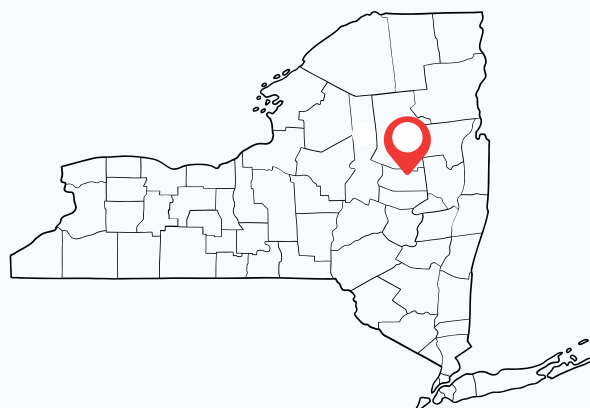
Job Title: Program  
Operations Specialist

**Organization: NYS Office for  
People with Developmental  
Disabilities**

Organization Type: Government  
(state)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program oversight and  
coordination



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Communicable disease
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- Environmental Health

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

I got to take the lead on NYSACHO's Climate Change and Health Adaption Project application and my LHD was selected for the award. It was a fun project to work on that really let me apply the skills I gained in both the Public Health Essentials and BEAM certificate programs.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

Absolutely. This was an amazing professional, educational, and networking opportunity. I'll forever be grateful for the support I received from NYSPHC staff as well as my on-site supervisor.

# AMY STEELE

She/Her



## EXPERIENCE

**0-1 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Community Health Assessments/Community Health Improvement Plans (CHA/CHIP)



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I live in an Old Victorian home. So, I spend a lot of time keeping it up. I like to be outdoors – kayak, swim, hike and bike

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I grew up in Buffalo and recently moved to the Finger Lakes (during COVID).

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

The Fellowship is helping me transition from sales into non-profit.

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### CURRENT ROLE

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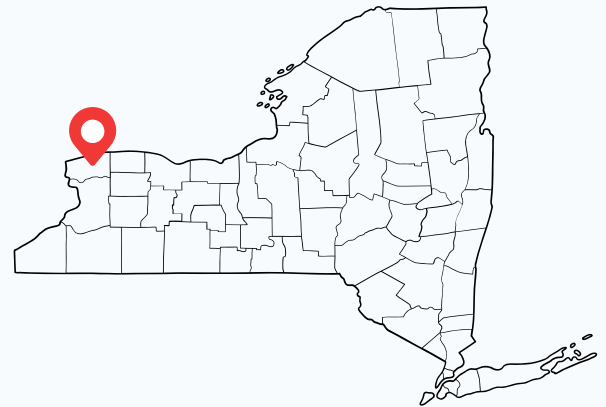
**Organization: University at Buffalo**

Organization Type: Higher Education  
or Research Institution

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

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Administration



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- Child and school health
- Health literacy
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- Oral health
- Workforce development

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

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I learned a lot about local government and how to deal with people who may set you back. I went to many conferences and continued my education in many sectors of public health, not just what I learned in and focused on in graduate school. I gained communication and planning skills and completed a research abstract for the first time.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

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Yes, it was a great way to get my foot in the door and begin my public health career right out of graduate school.



# ANDREA BLOWERS

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### CURRENT ROLE

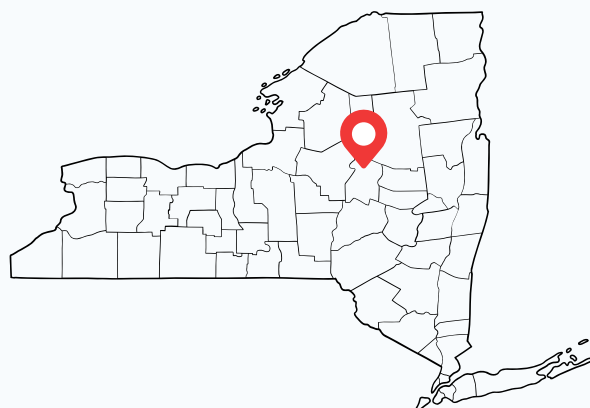
Job Title: Population  
Health Specialist

Organization: Herkimer  
County Public Health

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Strategic Planning and Data



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Health equity
- General
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- Public health infrastructure development

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

My NYSPHC fellowship directly shaped where I am now. It gave me hands-on experience in public health and helped me build relationships within the department. The skills I developed made it a natural transition into my current role as a Population Health Specialist.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

Yes, I would recommend NYSPHC fellowship to others. It's one of the few programs that helps you grow your skills, confidence, and professional networks in a short period of time.



# ANDREA MOTT

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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.



# ANGELICA BURGOS-NIEVES

ERIE COUNTY

*Western (Region 1)*

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## CURRENT ROLE

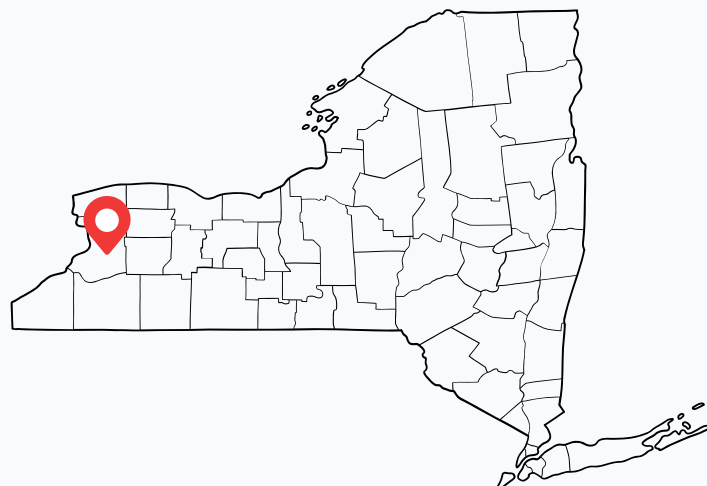
Job Title: Work/Life Solutions  
Resource Coordinator

**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.**

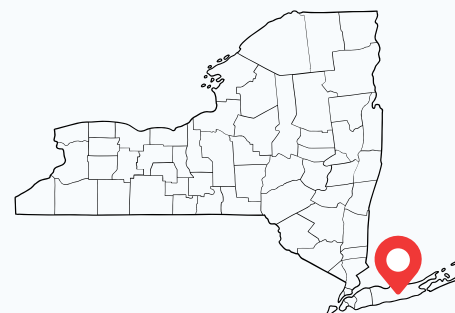
I was able to learn more about what Public Health is through the essentials course.



# ANIKA TAHSIN

## SUFFOLK COUNTY

*Long Island (Region 7)*



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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Health Inspector

**Organization: Nassau County Health Department**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Office of Food Protection

### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Communicable disease
- COVID-19
- Environmental health
- Food safety, Food Borne Illness

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

My experience with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program provided valuable exposure to communicable disease investigations and data collection. I developed skills in surveillance, reporting, and applying public health protocols, which gave me a strong foundation in protecting community health. These experiences directly support my current role as a Food Inspector, where I apply the same principles of prevention, attention to detail, and regulatory compliance to ensure food safety.

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

During my fellowship, I assisted the communicable disease unit with case investigations and provided education and counseling on risk factors associated with pathogens such as Salmonella, Shigella, and Giardia. I also supported the department's COVID-19 response through vaccine promotion, managed 311 public inquiries to address community health concerns, and assisted with Hepatitis B case management programs. These experiences allowed me to contribute directly to protecting community health while developing strong skills in disease investigation, public communication, and case management.



# ARVINJON CALPOTURA

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### CURRENT ROLE

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Job Title: Research Scientist I

Organization: NYSDOH/Health Research Inc.

Organization Type: Government (state)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

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Epidemiology and data



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- Chronic disease
- Disease surveillance
- Communicable disease
- Health equity
- Substance use

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

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The NYSPHC Fellowship has been beneficial in honing my skills and the knowledge needed to work in a research position in epidemiology. As a research scientist, I hope to continue using these experiences of working on disease surveillance and research at the New York State Department of Health.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

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I would recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to anyone seeking any experience to work in professional public health agencies and who strives to learn and develop their skills in public health while improving the health of the communities they are serving.



# ASHLEY HEACOCK

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### CURRENT EDUCATION

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MPH in Health Policy and Management

**Columbia Mailman School of Public Health**

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

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Program and Organizational Management



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- 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?

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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.

# ASHLEY KWONG

She/Her B.S. Public  
Health



## EXPERIENCE

1 Year of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Environmental Health



## ABOUT ME

**What do you do in your free time?** In my free time I like to read, travel, try new restaurants and enjoy live music!

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### How does being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

The NYSPHC Fellowship has given me valuable hands-on experience and opportunities to build strong professional relationships with public health leaders and community stakeholders. These experiences align with my long-term goal of advancing health equity and improving population health outcomes through data-driven strategies.



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### CURRENT ROLE

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**Organization: Rural Health  
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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.



# BETHANY PATTERSON

## ERIE COUNTY

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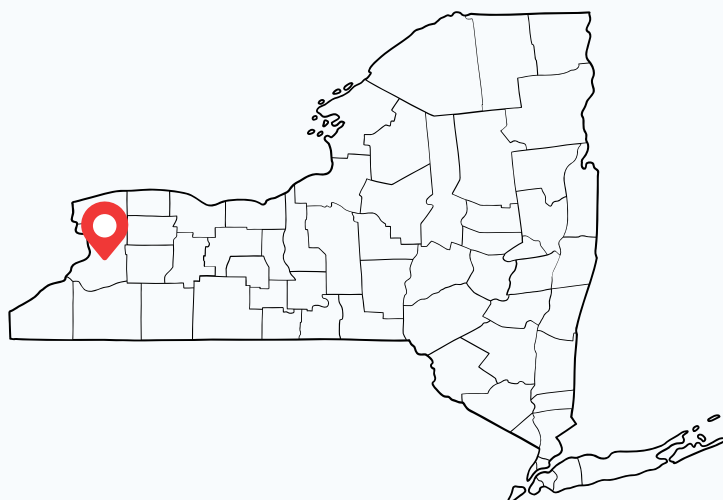
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### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

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.



# BRANDIN COUSINEAU

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### CURRENT ROLE

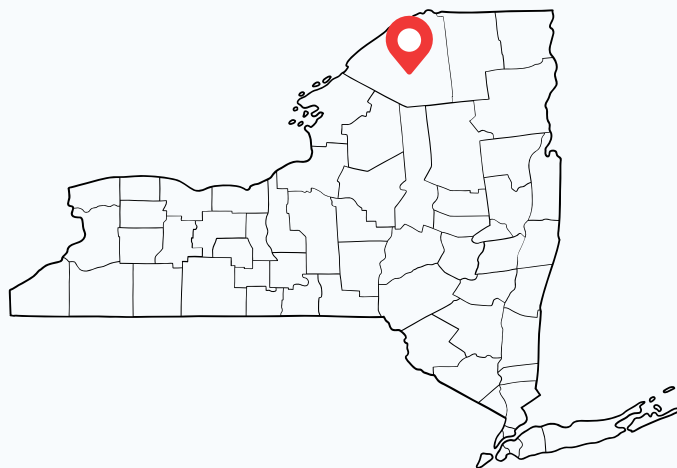
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Accountant Clerk

**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.



# BRYNN WATKINS

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### CURRENT ROLE

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**Organization: HRI**

Organization Type:  
Government (State)

### CURRENT EDUCATION

Master of Public Health

UAlbany

### 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/>



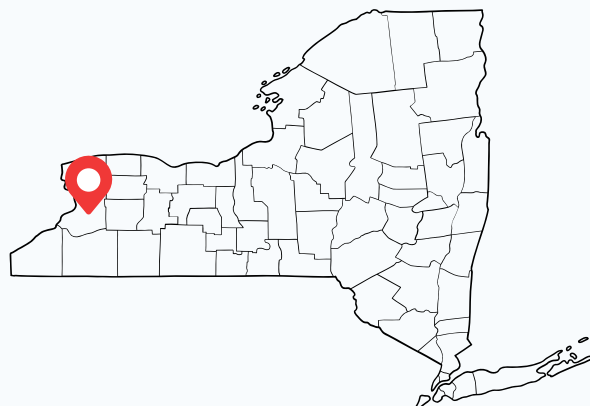
# CATHERINE J. TRAINO

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## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Child and school health
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Health equity

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

The Fellowship program was a wonderful opportunity. I look forward to continuing my use of knowledge learned from the program and my colleagues.

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

I enjoyed the annual meetings because of the many ideas, creative programs bring shared and current knowledge of Public Health disciplines.



# CHRISTINA BRIDGE

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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Public Health Specialist (Environment)

Organization: NYS  
Department of Health

Organization Type:  
Government (State)

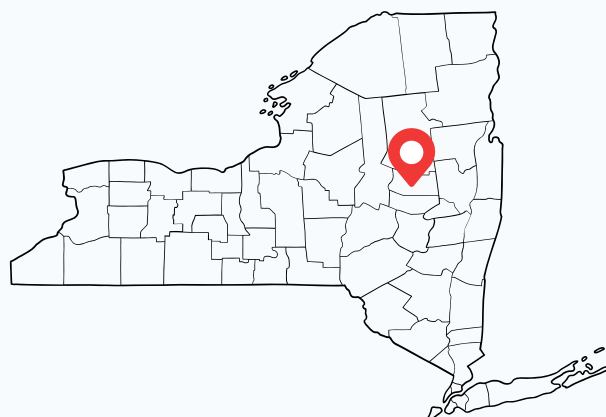
### CURRENT EDUCATION

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.



# DANIEL KANEVSKY

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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Public Health  
Technician I

**Organization: Rockland DOH**

Organization Type:  
Government (Local)

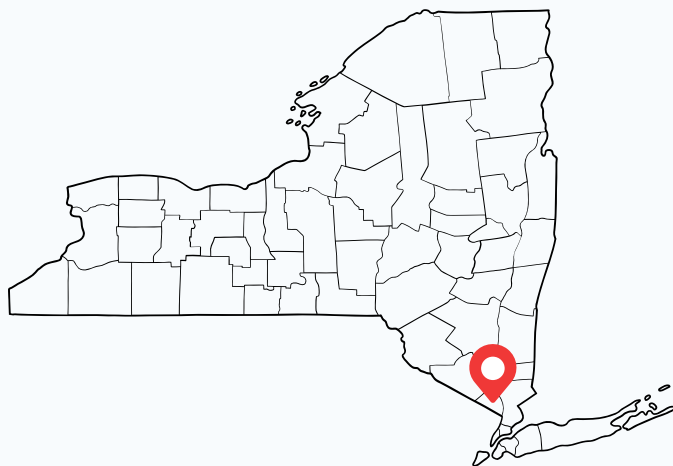
### CURRENT EDUCATION

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.

# D'NAJA TROTTER

She/Her  
BA



## FOCUS AREAS

- General



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

In my free time I like to spend time with my friends and family, listen to music, work out, and read.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

A fun fact about me is that made it to level 5 in the Adirondack Extreme Ropes course.

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

My experience as a New York State Public Health Fellow strengthened my passion for program management, operations, and process improvement. Throughout the fellowship, I led community-based initiatives, supervised staff and volunteers, developed standard operating procedures, implemented data tracking systems, and improved program efficiency to better serve community members. These experiences reinforced my interest in building effective, data-informed programs that create meaningful impact.

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# DORIAN JOHNSON

He/Him



## EXPERIENCE

**1-3 Years** of Public Health  
Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Health Equity
- Health Literacy
- Substance Use



## ABOUT ME

### **How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?**

With leadership development training and experience, I believe at the end of the Fellowship, I'll have the skills to lean into cross sectoral partnerships and influence health policy to reduce health disparities and promote health equity.

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# ELISABETH PARKER

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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Licensed Master  
Social Worker

**Organization: Ovarian Cancer  
Project**

Organization Type: Non-Profit/NGO

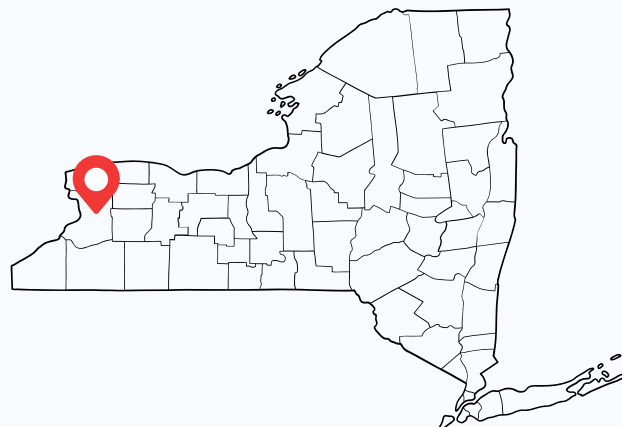
### CURRENT EDUCATION

Masters in Higher Education

**Arizona State University**

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Partnership Development



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Child and school health
- Chronic disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Substance use

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

As a NYSPHC Fellow, I was introduced to the Non-profit, Healthcare community in Buffalo. As well, the Cornell Public Health Essentials Program was excellent.

**Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?**

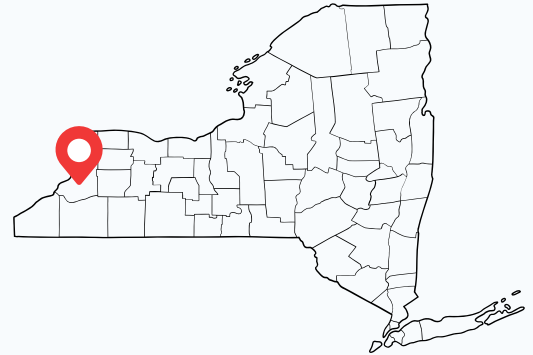
Yes. Collaboration and the Public Health Essentials Program.



# ELIZABETH URBANSKI-FARRELL

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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.

# EMILY APONTE

She/Her



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Emergency Preparedness/Response
- Violence and Injury Prevention



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I am a mother, and I love to take my son to places like the zoo, aquarium, the park, and anywhere he can learn and experience different things. When my son is with his dad, I love to workout at the gym or go do fun active things with my friends.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I did CrossFit 5 out of 7 days for the 42 weeks of my pregnancy OR that I fell asleep during my knee being tattooed! haha

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

I think being a NYSPHC Fellow fits in with my larger career goals because I want to work in emergency services, and I believe sometimes they forget that there is always a public health component to every emergency or disaster. I believe that when I am working in Emergency services, I will always remember to include public health.

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# EMILY HAIGH

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Educator

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Department of Health**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

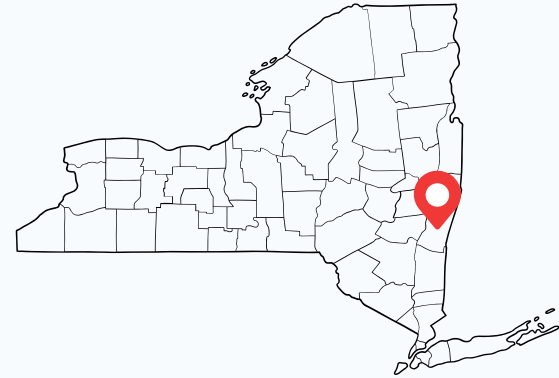
### CURRENT EDUCATION

Master's in Epidemiology

**University at Albany**

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational  
Management



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Nutrition and food security
- Oral health
- Substance use
- Health literacy
- Communicable disease
- Child and school health

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

It allowed me to gain great job experience in many areas of public health. It also helped me find my area of interest and helped me to look into a master's degree in public health.

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

It was a great way to network, the fellowship symposiums were always fun to join in on.



# FURAHINI BAHATI

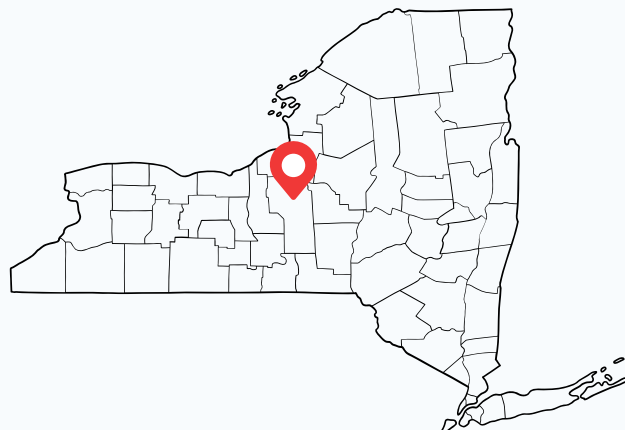
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### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- COVID-19
- Environmental health
- Public health Infrastructure development

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

As a fellow, I was able to teach new refugees not only how to access community resources, make doctor appointments, and shop for food, but also the invaluable lesson of staying connected to the community and maintaining good hygiene.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

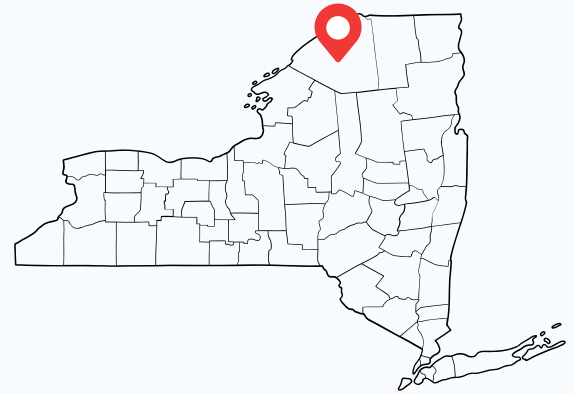
I recommend the fellowship program to others because it provides a valuable opportunity to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds.



# HAILEY QUINTAVALLE

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

*North Country (Region 4)*



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## CURRENT EDUCATION

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Masters in Mental Health  
Counseling

**Russell Sage College**

## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- General
- Oral health
- Nutrition and food security
- Violence and injury prevention
- Communicable disease

### **Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?**

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I gained many transferable skills that will apply to a range of future careers. Joining public health opened the door for many different avenues in the health field, many of which I had not been aware of before.

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

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My position gave me the freedom to explore topics I was passionate about, like mental health in my community. I was able to participate in key events hosted by the county and was able to feel like I was making a real impact.



# HASSAN MASROOR

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### CURRENT ROLE

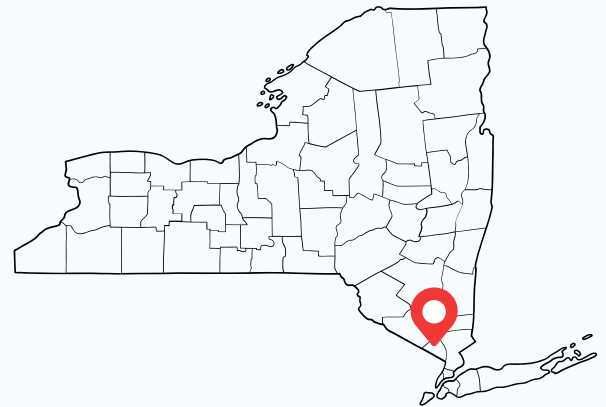
Job Title: Communicable Disease Coordinator

Organization: Rockland County DOH

Organization Type: Government (local)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Disease Control



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Communicable disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Child and school health
- COVID-19
- General
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- Public health infrastructure development
- STIs/HIV
- Workforce development

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

The fellowship provided me with the opportunity to work at RCDOH which ultimately lead to me getting hired in my current role.



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### CURRENT ROLE

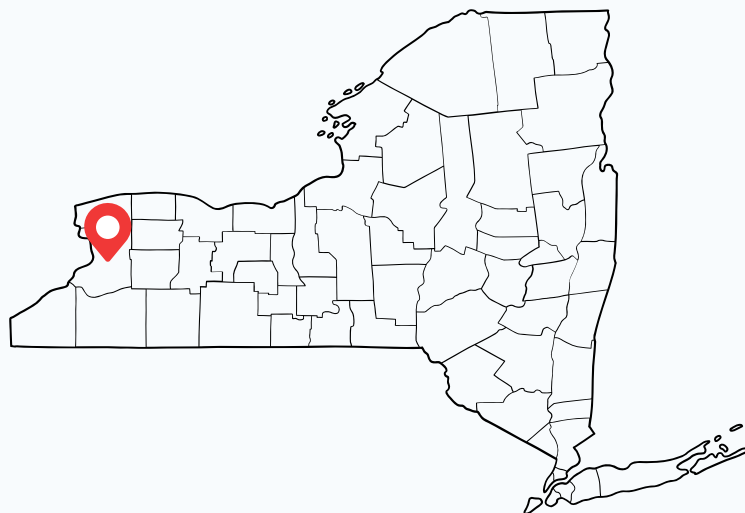
Job Title: Program Director

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.



# HILARY WILTON

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### CURRENT ROLE

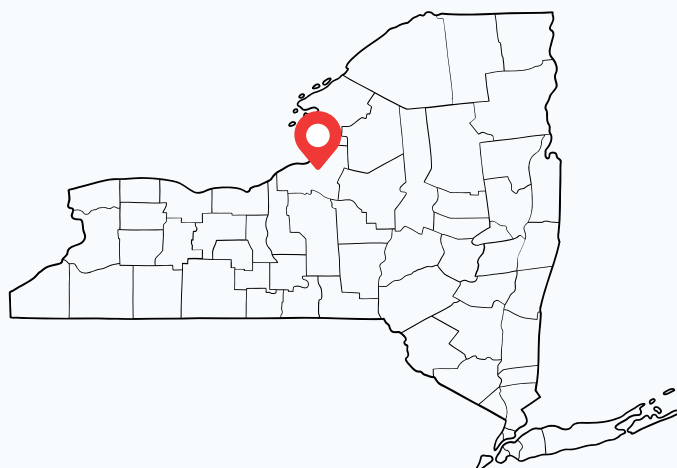
Job Title: Public Information Specialist

**Organization: Onondaga County**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Communications



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

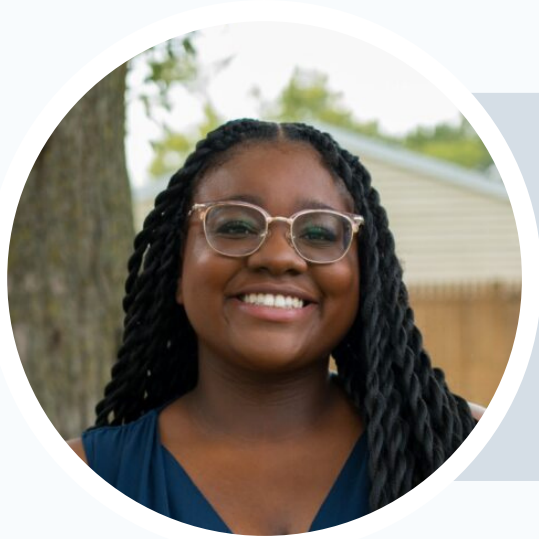
- General

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

Increased partnerships with fellow organizations through the Oswego County Trauma Informed Collaborative and through creating and organizing events for National Public Health Week (NPHW). NPHW events increased public engagement and awareness of health department programs and services while providing opportunities to further educate the public on public health topics. Also created an ongoing online portal for community feedback and assisted with the Community Health Assessment Survey.

**Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?**

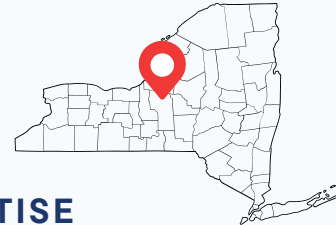
Yes, a great beginner program that allows those just starting in the public health space to connect with potential mentors and fellow public health workers.



# HILLARY S. RABEL

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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Community Impact  
Director – CNY Region

**Organization: American  
Heart Association**

Organization Type: Non-  
Profit/NGO

### CURRENT EDUCATION

BADT Doula Training

**Birthing Advocacy Doula  
Training**

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Policy, Systems, and  
Environmental changes

### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Health equity
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- General
- Substance use
- Nutrition and food security

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

I developed a deep understanding of how public health systems operate, how data informs decision making, and how community driven interventions lead to sustainable change. Working in the maternal and child health division gave me practical experience engaging community members, facilitating listening sessions, conducting assessments, and implementing programs that addressed real health needs. The fellowship strengthened my commitment to health equity and exposed me to the importance of addressing barriers through policy, systems, and environmental strategies. I learned how to build partnerships, uplift community voices, and develop interventions that empower residents to advocate for themselves. The NYSPHC Fellowship also helped me build confidence as a public health practitioner. The training, mentorship, and hands on experience prepared me to step into a leadership position focused on improving population health through collaborative, community centered approaches.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

Yes, because the fellowship truly pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me discover my true passions while developing new ones. It taught me to think creatively, approach challenges with curiosity, and ensure that community voices remain at the center of public health. This experience shaped how I show up in my work today and reinforced my commitment to advancing community driven solutions.

# JARED GUNDERSON

He/Him  
MPH



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Public health infrastructure development
- Health literacy
- General
- Emergency preparedness



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

Golf, Softball, Bowling, Gaming

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I finally reached 315 bench personal record this year

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Serving as a Public Health Fellow allowed me to build a strong foundation in local government operations, data-driven decision-making, and cross-sector collaboration —skills that directly align with my long-term goal of driving systems-level change. The fellowship gave me hands-on experience with public health accreditation, program development, and stakeholder engagement, which are critical competencies for leadership roles in public health and higher education program management.

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# JENNIFER JONES

She/Her



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Health Equity
- Maternal, Infant, and Family Health
- Mental Health



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I enjoy reading, traveling, hosting family gatherings.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I am a huge fan of Adam Sandler. I love all his movies and find humor in every one of them!

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Being a NYSPHC Fellow is giving me the opportunity to build an understanding of the various factors that impact health as well as the role I can play in improving health outcomes (community collaboration, communications).

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# JESSICA HIDALGO

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### CURRENT ROLE

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**Organization: Erie County  
Water Authority**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

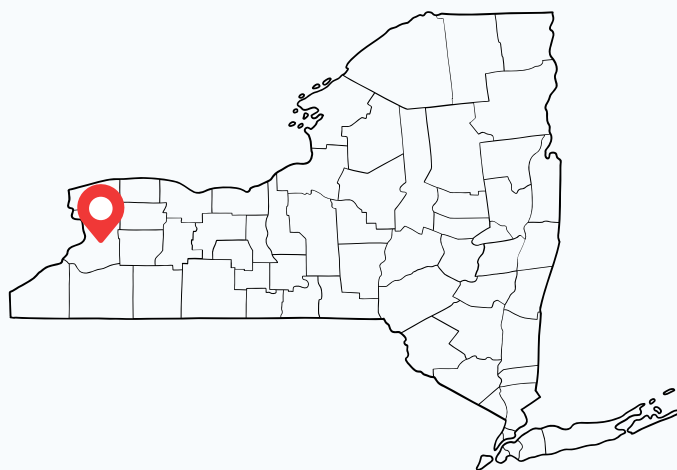
### CURRENT EDUCATION

Masters in Biology

**Eastern Illinois University**

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Laboratory Reporting



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Environmental health

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

I learned about government reporting, environmental regulations and emergency operations.



# JILLIAN WEINER

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### CURRENT ROLE

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Job Title: Psychiatric  
Social Worker

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Department of Health  
Services**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

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Mental Hygiene



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- Child and school health

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

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Going to Albany for the Summit.

**Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?**

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Yes. It led me to my current employment and helped me make connections and gained relationships through networking .



# JUDY GEORGE

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### CURRENT ROLE

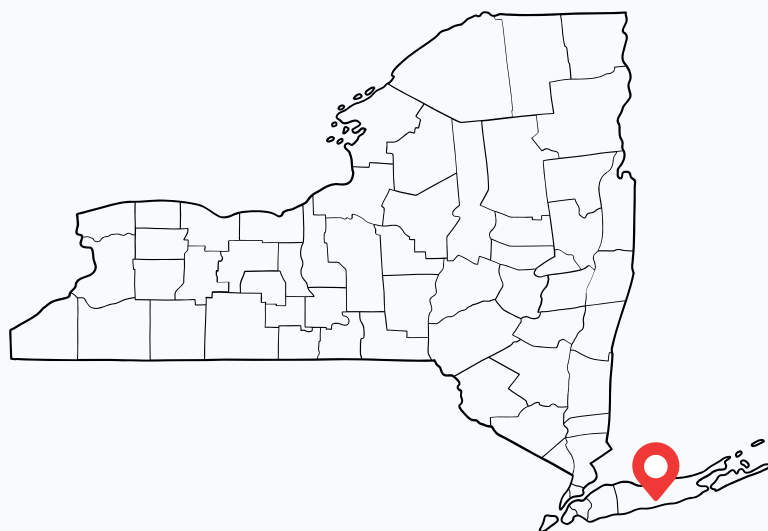
Job Title: Public Health Field Services Representative

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.

# JUSTIN REYNOLDS

He/Him



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Health equity
- Health literacy
- Public health infrastructure development
- Emergency Preparedness and Response



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

My free time is usually spent with my incredibly supportive girlfriend, Betsy; my dog, Buckley; and friends and family. I like to ski, play baseball, and go hiking. I'm also always up for a debate, or a game of Scrabble or trivia.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I flew to Hawaii once, for one day, just to watch the sunset. Bonus fact: I went to Woodstock '99.

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Taking part in the NYSPHC Fellowship Program was (and continues to be) a wonderful option after completing my Public Health B.S. I plan on pursuing an MPH, but I needed time away from full time academics to focus on regular life. The fellowship is a perfect opportunity to make money while gaining a real-world understanding of how public health is managed. Another wonderful aspect of the fellowship is the continuing education. I'm able to stay in an academic mindset and continue to develop myself. I can't think of a more ideal situation to steward me from my B.S. degree toward and MPH. Finally, the opportunities for networking with professionals at Albany County, Fellows and NYSPHC staff, and other public health professionals is doubtlessly going to open career doors for me throughout the fellowship and throughout my public health career.

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## CURRENT EDUCATION

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Masters in Public Health

**Syracuse University**

## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Communicable disease
- Chronic disease
- Child and school health
- COVID-19
- Environmental health
- Health equity
- General
- Health literacy
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- Oral health
- STIs/HIV
- Violence and injury prevention
- Health Navigator

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

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Based on the summit that was held December 2023 and the poster presentations, it gave me a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the importance of being one of the public health Fellows.

**Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?**

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Yes. This is preventive medicine to our counties residents.



# KARIN SCHLERETH

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### CURRENT ROLE

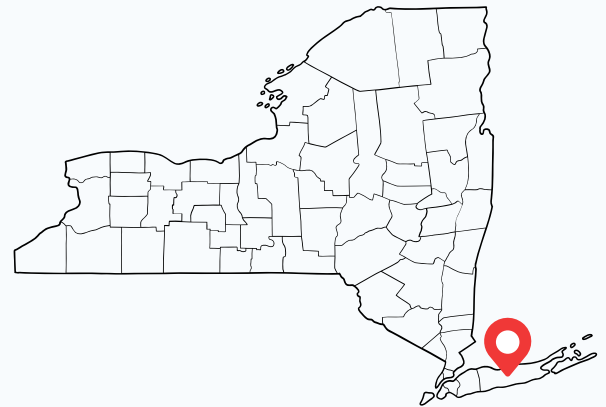
Job Title: Program Manager

**Organization: Northwell**

Organization Type: Healthcare

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational Management



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Health equity

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

My fellowship included the certificate program with Cornell University's Public Health Essentials (PHE) which reinforced the core concepts in project planning, evaluation, and program implementation, all of which are essential for my job as a Northwell program manager.

Through my project with the Suffolk County STI unit and working closely with their director, Mary Pat Boyle, I gained practical experience in addressing a public health priority (raising awareness about CS). This is highly relevant my programs at Northwell. I'm deeply involved in community health initiatives to reduce overdoses, increase supports for substance users and their families. I found that as a program manager with a public health background I can better understand and contribute to efforts focused on patient outcomes, prevention, and community outreach.

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

A highlight from my fellowship was participating in the statewide Congenital Syphilis Elimination Strategic Planning Group.

# KATHERINE GRAZIANO

She/Her



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Year** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Child and school health
- Health equity
- Nutrition and food security
- Senior health and wellness



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I love to run, hike, bake, read, and play flute in my free time!

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

A fun fact about me is that I am vegan and gluten free.

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

I would like to work in health, particularly with children, and being a NYSPHC fellow has given me the opportunity to work in a lot of settings and learn a lot about public health.

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# KATHY WILLE

She/Her  
MS.Ed



## EXPERIENCE

**3-5 Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Emergency Preparedness



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I like to garden, listen to music, go on daily walks, and spend time with family.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I can play two musical instruments!

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

NYSPHC allows me the opportunity to further my knowledge in Public Health with fulfilling experiences and professional development opportunities.

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# KEVIN WANG

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### CURRENT ROLE

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Job Title: Assistant Program Specialist

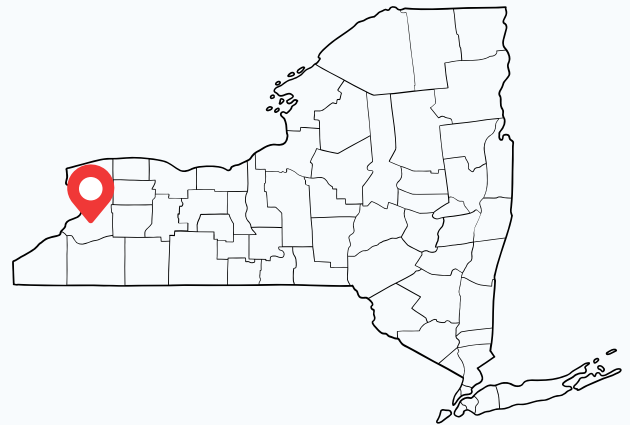
**Organization: 1199SEIU  
Training & Employment  
Funds**

Organization Type: Non-Profit

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

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Program and Organizational Management



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- 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?

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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.

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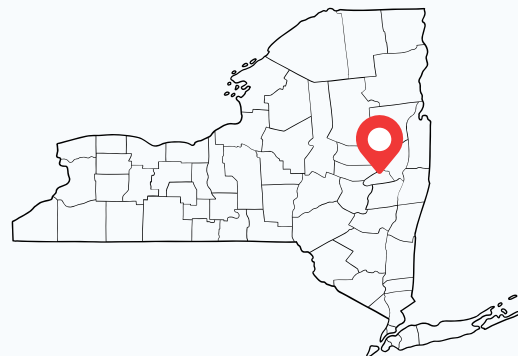
Assisted with the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a community health literacy program. Curated multiple literature reviews to support health promotion projects.



# KHRYSTIN COMERFORD

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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Public Health  
Education Coordinator

**Organization:**  
**Schenectady County**  
**Public Health Services**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational  
Management

### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Communicable disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- General
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- Housing security
- STIs/HIV
- Substance use
- Chronic disease
- Nutrition and food security

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

I was placed in the current LHD I work in now. I was able to learn so much and develop professionally throughout the time I spent in the fellowship. I learned parts of Public Health work that I never thought I'd be interested in, but have come to absolutely enjoy! With this fellowship, I was absolutely able to become more confident in my skills as a public health professional. Additionally, I had the ability to learn a lot of new things that I wouldn't have had access to in a different type of job environment.

# LUCY (SHULAMIT) PASSARO

She/They



## EXPERIENCE

1 Years of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Child and School Health
- COVID-19
- Communicable Disease
- Public Health Infrastructure Development



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I dance, make art, sew, swim, study languages, and enjoy nature. I am an intermodal expressive arts facilitator, and I am training to be a somatic movement educator and somatic movement therapist, so I like to learn about human movement, facilitation methods, and process-based art techniques.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I designed costumes for the Off-Broadway show, Cherry House.

### How does being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

This Fellowship allows me to transition into and be fully grounded in the Public Health field and enables me to make a tangible positive impact on health equity. My ultimate goals are to save lives and to depoliticize trauma. I believe Public Health gives a platform and framework by which to accomplish these goals.

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# LUTFIA TASNIM CHOWDHURY

She/Her  
MPH



## EXPERIENCE

1-3 Years of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Environmental health
- STIs/HIV
- Nutrition and food security



## ABOUT ME

**What do you do in your free time?**

Outing/learn software skills

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## How does being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

As a NYSPHC Fellow, I've had the opportunity to explore multiple areas of public health through hands-on experience. The work at the Erie County Department of Environmental Health, has deepened my understanding of how environmental safety, and regulations are developed and enforced to protect community health. Previously, I worked with the ECDOH clinic, on STI prevention; these experiences have helped me strengthen both my research and communication skills, which are critical to my larger career goal of working in public health educator and research.



# MARIANA BARRANCOS

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## CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Public Health  
Sanitarian

**Organization: Broome County  
Health Department**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

## PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Rabies and Food programs

## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Environmental health

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

I have translated most documents into Spanish for the  
food program.

**Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship  
Program to others?**

Yes, I would definitely recommend it. Mostly because of  
the ongoing continuous training opportunities.



# MARISSA SOGLUIZZO

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*Central (Region 3)*



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## CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: PhD Student/  
Graduate Teaching/Research  
Assistant

**Organization: Stony Brook  
University**

Organization Type: Higher Education  
or Research Institution

## CURRENT EDUCATION

PhD in Population Health

**Stony Brook University**

## PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Population Health

Preventative Medicine/  
Community Health

Public Health Disaster  
Preparedness

## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Communicable disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Environmental health
- Health equity
- Housing security
- Public health emergency preparedness
- Preventative medicine
- Disaster health

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

The NYSPHC Fellowship Program was my first position after completing my Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology and Disaster Science, Policy, and Practice. I worked with the New York State Department of Health in the Bureau of Community Environment Health and Food Protection. During this position, I had the opportunity to assist local health departments in food-borne, and occasionally waterborne, outbreak investigations and was responsible for reporting the details of such outbreaks to the CDC. I also worked closely with officials from the FDA, USDA, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Such opportunities provided a lot of insight into how public health works at the federal and state governmental levels. This experience led to my desire for curating further research skills across a broad range of topics, leading to my current position as a PhD student in Population Health where I also work as a teaching assistant and research assistant.

# MARY ROSS

She/Her  
MPH



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Year** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Community Health Assessments/Community Health Improvement Plans (CHA/CHIP)
- Chronic Disease
- Environmental Health
- Health Equity
- Health Literacy
- Mental Health
- Maternal, Infant, and Family Health



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I enjoy cooking, baking, reading, and traveling in my free time.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I was the vice president of my undergraduate, Syracuse University's, professional chemistry fraternity, Alpha Chi Sigma

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

As a Fellow, I help create and implement health programming that aims to increase access to health services and improve chronic disease outcomes for racial and ethnic minority populations. My position is heavily community based, and we collaborate with many community organizations for our work.

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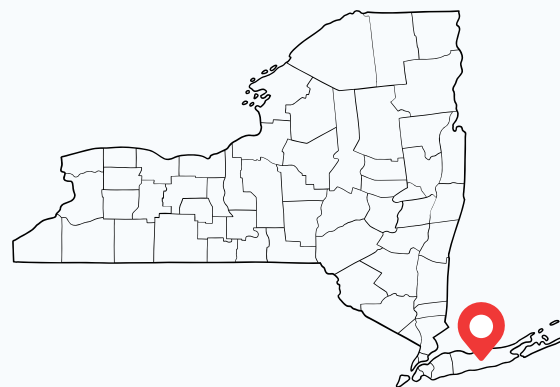
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# MATHEW YONKS

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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Registered Nurse

Organization: Northwell Health

Organization Type: Healthcare

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Nursing

### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Child and school health
- Communicable disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- COVID-19
- Health literacy
- Public health infrastructure development

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

Conducted a novel study of a mosquito species and its effects on public health.

**Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?**

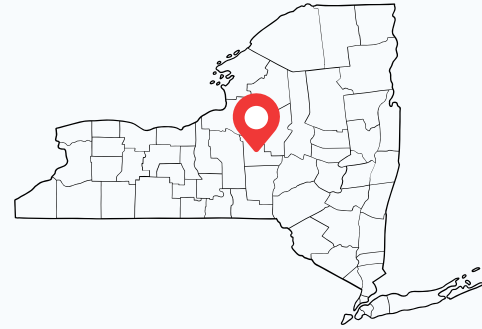
Yes, it is a great stepping stone!



# MEGAN POLHAMUS

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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Health Educator

**Organization: Madison  
County Public Health**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

### CURRENT EDUCATION

Master of Public Health

**University at Albany**

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Communications

### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Nutrition and food security
- Oral health
- Public health infrastructure development

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

My NYSPHC experience gave me opportunities to work on a wide range of projects to learn my strengths and areas I can work on. I worked closely with a Health Educator on public health messaging and partnership building, which further confirmed this is the work I want to continue doing.

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

I helped the department in pursuing Accreditation status and worked collaboratively on the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP). These were great opportunities to become integrated into the health department and wider community. I liked being a helping hand wherever I could!



# MEGAN VADALA

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## CURRENT ROLE

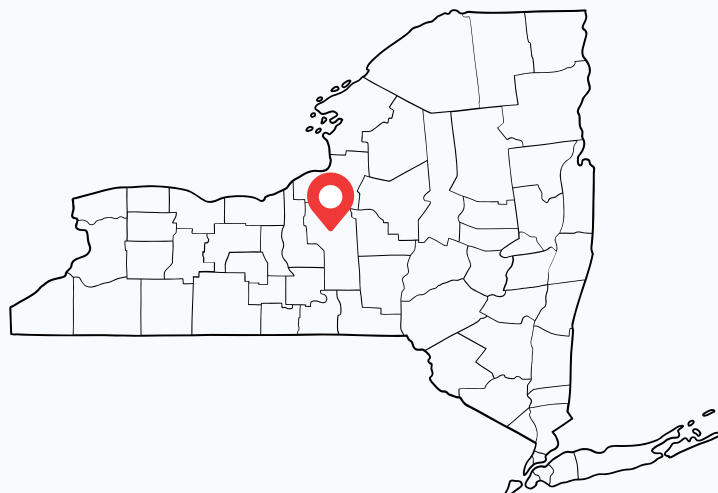
Job Title: Housing Program Manger

Organization: ACR Health

Organization Type: Non-Profit/NGO

## PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program Management and Administration



## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Substance use

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

The information I learned from the Harm Reduction Unit in the Office of Drug User Health has assisted me with skills and knowledge when working with clients in active use and post active use.



# MEGHAN SHERIDAN

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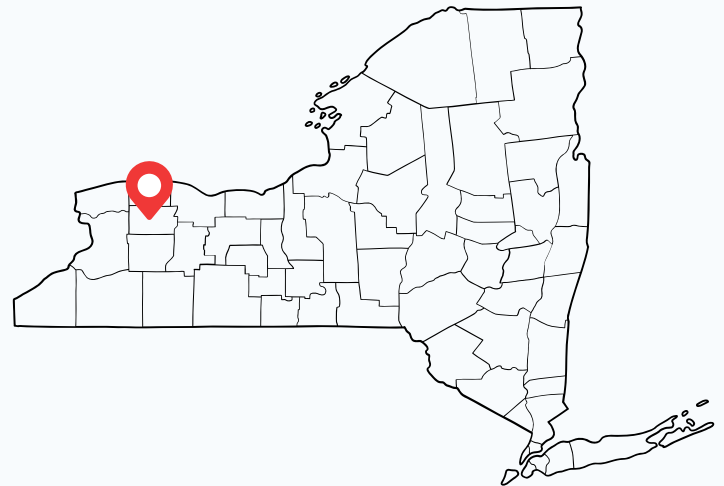
### CURRENT EDUCATION

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.

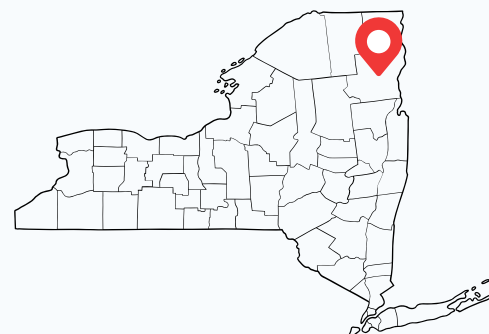
I gained a lot of confidence through my role. I learned how to function in the work place. I feel prepared to attend graduate school and for a career post grad.



# MOLLY LAWRENCE

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### CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Chronic Disease  
Outreach Coordinator

**Organization: Essex County  
Health Department**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Public Health Promotion,  
outreach, program  
development

### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- Public health infrastructure development
- Environmental health
- General
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- Nutrition and food security

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

It enhanced my knowledge of climate health and how to tie that to my local community; and increased my awareness of reliable data sources for public health assessment, planning, and reporting.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

Yes. It provides a good foundation from a reputable educational institution for enhancing basic public health knowledge, and necessary skills for being an effective public health worker. The program emphasizes networking and makes bridges between Fellows and public health institutions.



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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.



# NICOLE FRANZ

ERIE COUNTY

*Western (Region 1)*

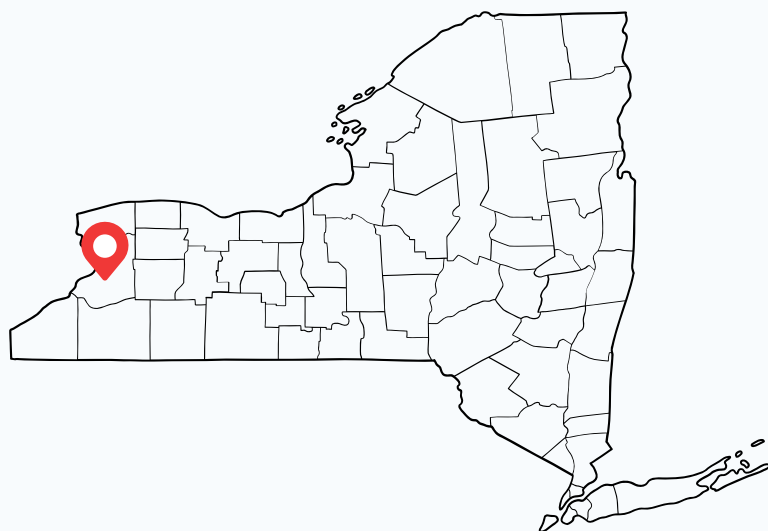
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## PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

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.



# NIDA ZAIDI

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## CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Cancer Registry  
Cancer Specialist II

**Organization: New York  
State Cancer Registry**

Organization Type:  
Government (state)

## PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Epidemiology and Data



## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease

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

Working at the host organization from the fellowship.

## Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

Yes

# PAULINE W. HOFFMANN

She/Her  
Ph.D.



## EXPERIENCE

**5+ Years** of Public Health  
Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Health Literacy
- Community Health Assessments/Community Health Improvement Plans (CHA/CHIP)
- Communication, Strategic Planning, Disinformation



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

Read, write, cook, garden, exercise, puzzle, and drink wine.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I read Tarot cards.

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

It allows me to network across the state so that we may solve public health problems collaboratively.

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# RAVI KUMAR CHALHOTRA

He/Him MPH



## EXPERIENCE

1 **Years** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Chronic disease
- Environmental health
- Oral health
- Health literacy
- Other/unspecified communicable disease



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

Watch hockey and play video games.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

I'm Canadian.

### How does/did being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

Being a NYSPHC Fellow aligns with my goal of using epidemiological research and data analysis to inform public health policy. This role allows me to apply communicable disease epidemiology, statistical analysis, disease surveillance, and health equity research to real-world challenges while collaborating with local and state health departments. The experience strengthens my ability to translate data into actionable solutions, preparing me for a career in public health research, policy, and advocacy.

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## PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational Management

## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Child and school health
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- COVID-19
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- Maternal, infant, and family health
- STIs/HIV
- Substance use
- Violence and injury prevention
- Workforce development
- Public health infrastructure development
- General

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

During the NYSPHC Fellowship I had hands-on experience designing and implementing community health interventions, which taught me how to translate public-health data into practical program decisions. I built skills in stakeholder engagement, grant/contract oversight, and performance measurement — for example, I led cross-agency meetings, prepared program deliverables, and used evaluation data to refine workflows. That experience was directly transferable to my current work in public-health administration: I now manage contracts, coordinate multi-partner initiatives, and apply evidence-based strategies to improve program outcomes. The fellowship also connected me with mentors and peers whose guidance helped me choose graduate coursework that deepened my policy and management expertise.



# SARAH ROBINSON

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### CURRENT ROLE

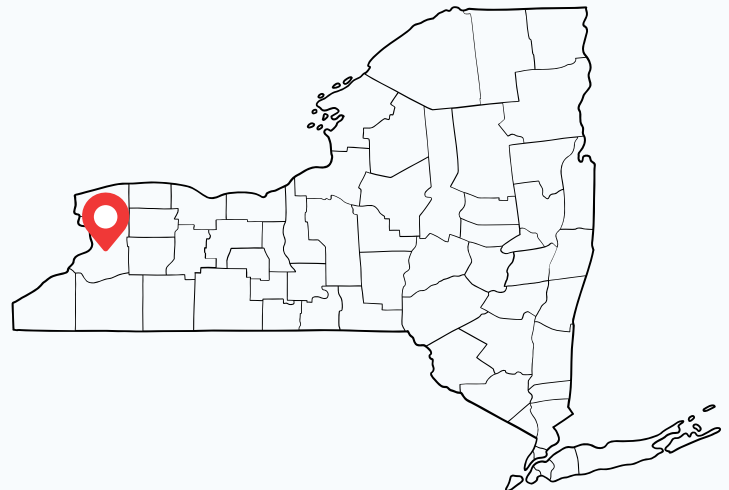
Job Title: Accreditation Specialist

**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.



# SCHUYLER C. LAWSON

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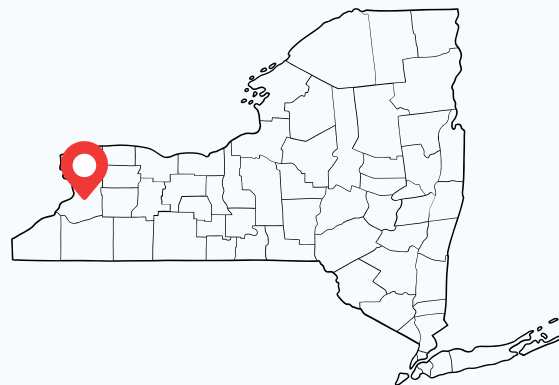
Job Title: Research Associate

**Organization: Syracuse University,  
Burton Blatt Institute**

Organization Type: Higher Education  
or Research Institution

## PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Epidemiology and Data



## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Health equity
- Substance use
- General
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans

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

One of the biggest highlights from my Fellowship experience was being able to author a government report on Winter Preparedness in Erie County. I was fully responsible for analyzing, writing, and reporting the data using tools, such as Stata, Canva, and Excel.

## Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

Yes, I would strongly recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others even though my tenure ended earlier than expected. The NYSPHC Fellowship is a great opportunity to learn while being paid a decent wage. It is one of the best professional development programs that I've participated in since I had so many rich experiences, such as attending conferences, networking, and working in a government office as an epidemiologist.



# SHANI FIELDS

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*NYS Department of Health (Region 8)*

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### CURRENT ROLE

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**Organization: NYSDOH**

Organization Type:  
Government (state)

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational Management



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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

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

The NYSPHC Fellowship Program was an amazing experience. I worked in foster care and reproductive healthcare previously. The Fellowship illustrated how my work in those fields merged perfectly with my work in public health. It enhanced my community engagement experience. It awakened my passion for improved maternal health outcomes for the women in our state with the highest risk.

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

The highlight of my experience was meeting and engaging with so many people from various backgrounds, coming together with a goal of providing the highest quality healthcare for all people.



# SIOBHAN STONE

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### CURRENT EDUCATION

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Registered Nursing

Arnot Ogden Medical Center  
School of Nursing



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- Communicable disease
- Community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- Health equity
- Health literacy
- STIs/HIV
- Substance use

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

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My time with the NYSPHC program was my first professional experience after finishing undergrad. It helped me gain a lot of professional skills and get real world experience on the things I learned in school. I realized that I wanted to be able to also help people hands-on at an individual level and decided to go to nursing school. I plan on becoming a public health nurse one day.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

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Yes I would because it was great entry-level experience and allowed for numerous networking opportunities. I gained skills through the work itself as well as the trainings and certifications we completed that I otherwise would not have had the opportunity to complete.



# TALIA LASTER

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### CURRENT ROLE

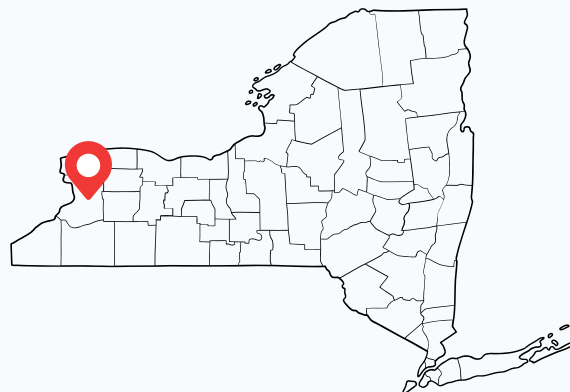
Job Title: Administrative Clerk

**Organization: Back to Basics Ministries**

Organization Type: Non-Profit/NGO

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational Management



### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Violence and injury prevention

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

Building relationships and creating equity in diverse groups.

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

Meeting other diverse groups and building relationships and learning a new way of how other groups of people do things.

# TANYA SORENSEN

She/Her



## EXPERIENCE

**1 Year** of Public Health Experience



## FOCUS AREAS

- Community Health Assessments/Community Health Improvement Plans (CHA/CHIP)
- Health Literacy
- Public Health Infrastructure Development
- Health Equity



## ABOUT ME

### What do you do in your free time?

I love dancing tango and swing, reading novels, and skiing.

### What is a fun fact about yourself?

In high school, I did musical theater.

### How does being a NYSPHC Fellow fit in with your larger career goals?

I'm hoping to further my career in public health, ideally analyzing data in the future. I'm interested in the role of data in developing policy and assessing programs.

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### AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

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- Chronic disease
- Communicable disease
- community health assessments/community health improvement plans
- General
- STIs/HIV

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

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One of the highlights of my Fellowship experience was working with an incredible team. I truly valued how supportive everyone was and how they encouraged my determination and passion for public health. The leadership and staff involved me in several projects, which gave me an excellent opportunity to expand my knowledge and gain hands-on experience. Seeing a team recognize and nurture talent was very inspiring.

### Would you recommend the NYSPHC Fellowship Program to others?

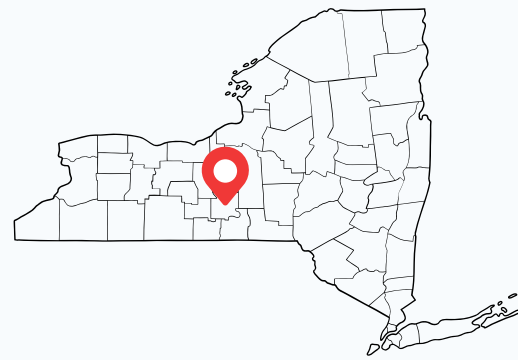
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I would definitely recommend the Fellowship. For recent graduates, it's a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience and build a network with public health professionals.



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**TOMPKINS COUNTY**  
*Southern Tier (Region 3)*



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## CURRENT ROLE

Job Title: Whole Health Planner

**Organization: Tompkins County  
Whole Health**

Organization Type:  
Government (local)

## PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Program and Organizational  
Management

## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE

- Chronic disease
- General
- Health literacy
- Public health infrastructure development
- Substance use
- Suicide Prevention

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

My current position was developed based on the work I did/professional relationships I formed here as a fellow!

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

In my previous role with Whole Health as a graduate fellow, I got the chance to play a key role in initiating suicide prevention and overdose prevention efforts in my county. As a key facilitator of the Opioid Task Force, I helped structure the allocation of over \$700K in Opioid Settlement Funds to initiate and strengthen community programs and partnerships. Additionally, I developed and initiated a data initiative to systematically track suicide and overdose trends, providing critical insights to guide policy and intervention strategies locally.

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