IPHA will begin recruiting up to ten Iowa AmeriCorps HealthCorps members that will be placed in local public health agencies and non-profit groups across Iowa. The project goal is to reduce the risk of preventable disease and obesity and improve the health and quality of life for Iowans in host communities.

IPHA’s AmeriCorps HealthCorps members will work with youth in the workplace and in the general community. Members will work to improve the quality, availability, and effectiveness of community-based programs and support behavior changes to improve nutrition, exercise and healthy choices. AmeriCorps Health Corps members are expected to participate in special service days over their term.

Are you interested in working in the field of wellness and public health?

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http://iowapha.org/wwww.iowapha.org/IowaAmeriCorpsHealthCorps

Apply now:
http://tinyurl.com/6lzr23w

Application deadline:
July 25, 2012
Benefits

The member will receive the following benefits from the project: a living allowance of $12,200 for full-time work (at least 1700 hours during the term of service), to be paid by IPHA in biweekly installments.

Upon successful completion of the full term of service, the member will receive an education award of $5,550 from the National Service Trust. A listing of colleges that may match this education award can be found at: http://www.americorps.gov/for_individuals/benefits/ed_award_match.asp

Members may receive forbearance on a qualified student loan during the term of service. If the member successfully completes the term of service, the National Service Trust may repay any interest (part or full) that accrued on the loan during the term of service according to hours served.

Full-time members are entitled to health care coverage as described in separate documents, until termination of service.

If eligible, the members may request a childcare subsidy, the terms of which are described in separate documents, until termination of service. If applicable and eligible, a child care allowance will be provided by First Financial Associates. For information, go to the website: http://www.1stfinancialassociates.com. Questions can be directed to First Financial at 1800 453 8151.

In 2011 Governor Branstad announced his initiative to make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation. From the First Lady’s Lets’ Move initiative to investments in community wellness projects by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Wellmark Foundation and Iowa Department of Public Health, wellness is rapidly gaining public support.

Year two of the IPHA AmeriCorps HealthCorps project will begin September 1st, 2012. Members will serve an 11 month term ending July 31st, 2013. IPHA is recruiting AmeriCorps HealthCorps members now in order to be prepared for the September 1st start date. The IPHA website has a listing of current sites and a sample of year one efforts at: http://tinyurl.com/82ctm7a