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Aitkin County Volunteer Initiative Program

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Introducing a new innovation from Aitkin County-The Aitkin County Volunteer Initiative Program [ACVIP]. ACVIP is compromised of volunteers who seek to share their professional expertise and have a high level of commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life for people who work, live and play in Aitkin County. Volunteers are referred to as a "VIP"- a Volunteer In Process and a Very Important Person to this program.

This unique, high-impact program allows volunteers to directly apply their skills and expertise through volunteering at events, one-on-one mentoring and presenting workshops in townships throughout the County. Volunteers contribute to the health and well-being our County.

Who are the VIPs?

Community members, retired health professionals and specialists who live in Aitkin County. Accountants, carpenters, chiropractors, dentists, doctors, educators, electricians, EMTs, family counselors, food service specialists, lawyers, MDH professionals, nurses, pastors, pharmacists, physician assistants, plumbers, psychologists, social workers, soldiers, therapists, YOU!

Program focus areas are: Chronic Disease, Eating Habits, Emergency Preparedness, Gardening, Healthy Start for Children and Adolescents, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Nutrition, Obesity, Parenting & Family Systems, Physical Activity, Senior Citizen Health, Tribal Health & Wellness and WIC-Women, Infants and Children.

Why should YOU consider becoming a VIP?

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY: Know that you are giving your time, talent, wisdom and experience to your community and neighbors who need you.
HELP YOURSELF: Through service, you can add to the quality and health of your life. Research indicates that volunteers enjoy better health, make new friendships, stay active and involved in the community, and learn new skills.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Be part of a County movement designed for seniors to transform Aitkin through the involvement of its citizens.

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ACVIP Questions & Answers

What will I be doing as a VIP?

Based on your expertise, you will conduct outreach through the County by volunteering at events, one-on-one visits, leading workshops, roundtable discussions or presenting lectures. With support from the Director, outreach sessions will be developed which:

-provide a compelling description of what an attendee can expect learn
-articulate clear take-aways from the session
-are innovative and have the content and approach to support this distinction
-where applicable, provide a format that is engaging and interactive for participants
-incorporate real-world case studies and practical applications

Where will I be working as a VIP?

Your training will be coordinated through the Aitkin County Health and Human Services Agency-Public Health Unit.

Your outreach may include utilizing township halls throughout the County, Food shelves located in Aitkin, Garrison, Hill City, Isle, Jacobson and McGregor and at special events which may partner with other organizations who have facilities.

How much time is required to volunteer for the ACVIP?

Two years, however within the two years, the frequency will be 100% individualized to your interests, schedule and preference. VIP's also have the opportunity to partner and present as a team.

What type of training and support do VIPs receive?

Volunteers are required to attend two 1/2 day introductory ACVIP orientation workshops. Training includes: overview of the services and organizations which serve Aitkin County, the Rural Aging Initiative, the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Agency, The Community Health Services priorities, Volunteer Responsibilities and Rights and the Ten Essential Public Health Services. In addition, session development, presentational skills, office support, scheduling and VIP program reporting will be covered.

When is the 2015 orientation?

Monday, June 15th and Monday, June 22nd from 8 am until noon.

How do I apply to become a VIP

Complete the application form for consideration.
Complete and pass the background check.
Attend the mandatory orientation workshops.

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ACVIP Application

Please complete the application form. Once you complete the form, check the "I agree" box, sign and date the form.

1. Any false or incomplete information may be grounds for not appointing you a volunteer assignment or ending your assignment after beginning volunteering.
2. You may be required to verify any or all of the information given on the application.
3. You are responsible for notifying Aitkin County of any changes to your contact information.

Please be advised that a background check will be performed as part of the application review process.

ACVIP focus area/s you are interested in:

_____Active Living
_____Chronic Disease
_____Eating Habits
_____Emergency Preparedness
_____Gardening and local foods
_____Healthy Start for Children and Adolescents
_____Mental Health and Wellbeing
_____Nutrition
_____Obesity
_____Parenting-Family Systems
_____Physical Activity
_____Senior Citizen Health
_____Tribal Health & Wellness
_____WIC
_____Other, Please list:_____

CHS* specific:

___ACE training,-Adverse Childhood Experiences
___QPR training-Question, Persuade Refer, Suicide Prevention program
___Tobacco prevention

*The CHS is the Community Health Services which consists of Aitkin, Itasca and Koochiching Public Health Departments working together on CHIP. CHIP is the Community Health Improvement Plan which guides public health's work from 2015 to 2020. Specific initiatives are indentified and developed during this cycle.

Name and Address

Title [Mr., Ms, Dr.]_____First Name:_____Last Name:_____

Street 1:_____

City:_____ State: MN Zip:_____ Township:_____

Phone:_____Email Address:_____

Experience: Do you have any of the following skills? (place an X in each box)

Administrative Services	☐	Computer Skills	☐	Computer Networking	☐
Clerical Work	☐	Fire/Rescue	☐	Facility Management	☐
Crowd Manage./Flow	☐	Interviewing	☐	Inventory Supplies	☐
Data Entry	☐	Legal Services	☐	Lodging Services	☐
Food Services	☐	Managerial Services	☐	Office Management	☐
Phone Receptionist	☐	Nursing Home	☐	Other (specify)	☐
Supply Distribution	☐	Traffic Control	☐	Transportation	☐

Training/Continuing Education: Have you ever participated in any training or continuing education programs in the following areas? (place an x in each box)

American Red Cross	☐	Citizen Emergency Response	☐	CPR/AED	☐
Emergency/Disaster Response	☐	FEMA	☐	Law Enforcement/Security	☐
Hazardous Material Awareness	☐	First Aid	☐	Mass Casualty	☐
Mental Health	☐	Incident Command System	☐	Pandemic	☐
Vaccination Administration	☐	Infection Control	☐	Trauma	☐

What is your professional occupation?

Accountant	☐	Family Counselor	☐	Physician Assistant	☐
Carpenter	☐	Food Service Professional	☐	Plumber	☐
Chiropractor	☐	Lawyer	☐	Psychologist	☐
Dentist	☐	MDH Professional	☐	Social Worker	☐
Doctor	☐	Nurse	☐	Soldier	☐
Educator	☐	Pastor	☐	Surgeon	☐
Electrician	☐	Pharmacist	☐	Therapist	☐
EMT	☐	Physical Therapist	☐	OTHER:	☐

Authorized Signature & Acknowledgements

The above data are being collected in support of your application for appointment to as an Aitkin County Volunteer Initiative Program. The Aitkin Health and Human Services Director, Public Health Supervisor and the ACVIP Director, who will make appointments to the Institute will review these data. You may refuse to provide these data. However, refusal to supply data may result in denial of your application for appointment to the Institute. If you are chosen as a volunteer, your application and the data it contains may become a part of the County Board documentation, which is public data. If you are not appointed as volunteer, your application will be kept separate from the County Board documentation, but the public data on your application (name and address) may be provided to the public, if requested. All other data on your application is considered private and will not be released to the public.

By checking the box (below) you certify that all of the information provided on this application is true and complete.. Finally, you understand that you may be requested to appear for a personal interview should the County desire as part of its screening and selection process. By checking this box and signing this application form, I acknowledge this application for volunteer assignment has been carefully read and understood, and I accept the agreements herein.

☐ I agree

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to:

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ACVIP Director
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