

Eastern Maine Development Corporation and Maine Migrant Health Program

Summer AmeriCorps Positions 2012

Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) Serving America's Farmworkers Everywhere Program (SAFE)

The Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) in conjunction with the Maine Migrant Health Program (MMHP) is recruiting two AmeriCorps members for the summer of 2012. These AmeriCorps members will provide pesticide safety training and outreach services with migrant and seasonal farmworkers. The primary focus of the program is to improve the health and well-being of farmworker families, strengthen rural communities, and provide a collaborative service delivery system that best meets the health, education and safety needs of the workers and their families. The farmworkers targeted for services are primarily engaged in the blueberry harvest in Washington/Hancock County and broccoli harvesters in Aroostook County (housing is provided when working in these regions during the second half of the summer). In addition to direct services to farmworkers, the positions include exposure to and participation in program planning, policy analysis, and community organizing based in the MMHP office in Augusta. These two full-time summer members (40 hours/week for 12 weeks) will serve from early June through August. Both of these positions provide a weekly living allowance (approx. \$263.00) and a college education award of \$1,468.

Individuals with a desire to serve migrant and seasonal farmworkers in the rural regions of Maine are encouraged to apply. AmeriCorps members should be:

- ◆ Proficient in English and Spanish or English and Creole to effectively serve this diverse population.
- ◆ Member must be at least 17 years old, have a high school diploma/GED
- ◆ Be a U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S., have a valid driver's license and their own reliable transportation for significant travel to the harvest areas.

To apply for this unique and challenging opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume by Friday, March 9, 2012 to Elizabeth Charles of the MMHP, by email (echarles@mainemigrant.org), fax (207-626-7612) or mail (P.O. Box 405; Augusta, ME 04332). For more information, you are welcome to call Elizabeth at 1.888.351.9634, ext. 109. You may also learn more about the AFOP SAFE program by going to: <http://www.afop.org/safe.htm>.

AmeriCorps is the national service program that engages thousands of dedicated Americans in meeting the critical needs of communities in the areas of public safety, education, human needs, and the environment.

The National Farmworker Environmental Education Program is one of over 400 AmeriCorps programs across the country. AFOP is a national network of community-based non-profit organizations providing employment, training, and support services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

