HEALTH POLICY RESEARCHER AND ANALYST

Trust for America's Health (TFAH) seeks a Health Policy Researcher and Analyst to work on a one-year project that will, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, assess and report on states' preparedness for preventing and responding to the public health impacts of climate change. The project was created out of a conviction that climate change is a public health threat that demands greater attention and urgent action. Climate-related changes in weather patterns, and resulting heat waves, floods, and droughts; vector-, food-, and waterborne infectious diseases; and changes in the quality and safety of air, food, and water, among other extreme events, threaten to cause injuries, illnesses, and deaths. As these dangers increase over time, all U.S. residents are at risk of experiencing adverse health outcomes, particularly populations who are disproportionately vulnerable, including communities of color, older adults, children, and low-income communities. Therefore, states, alongside federal and local partners, have a responsibility to ready themselves to safeguard their residents.

The Health Policy Researcher and Analyst will report to a senior researcher, and also work closely with other members of the TFAH team to assist with—and sometimes take the lead on—exploratory research, expert interviews, and literature review; organization of an advisory group; state data collection and organization; data analysis; quality control; and report writing.

This is a one-year, grant-funded position. Continued employment beyond the one-year project will be subject to TFAH receiving additional project funding.

About TFAH

Trust for America's Health (TFAH) is a nonprofit, non-partisan public health policy, research, and advocacy organization that promotes optimal health for every person and community and works to make the prevention of illness and injury a national priority. In addition to public health emergency preparedness, other areas of focus include, but are not limited to, obesity, public health funding, substance misuse and suicide, healthy aging, child and school health—all with an emphasis on health equity.

More information about TFAH can be found at www.tfah.org.

Deliverables and Outcomes

Roles and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Design and test a process/instrument for collecting data on states' preparedness for the public health impacts of climate change
- Collect data on states' preparedness and complete quality control to ensure data accuracy
- Analyze data and report on findings and the research process

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree required. Relevant advanced degree (e.g., MPH, DrPH, MPP, MPA, M.S., M.A., etc.) preferred.
- At least two years of relevant work experience.
- Professional experience with public health, environmental health, public policy, or state policy.
- Professional experience with research project conceptualization and design and quantitative research or qualitative research.
- An aptitude for quickly grasping new policy issues and information, as well as novel research approaches.
- Ability to identify, analyze, and accurately synthesize policy information.
- Strong writing ability.
- Comfort with pro-actively and independently conceptualizing and handling multiple assignments under tight time constraints.
- A personal commitment to producing high-quality work, with a keen attention to detail.
- An eagerness to be a valuable team member.

Location: This full-time position is based in Washington, DC.

Supervision: This position reports to a Senior Health Policy Researcher and Analyst in the Department of Communications and Policy Research.

Salary: Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

To apply: Applicants should submit a cover letter and résumé to esarfo@tfah.org. Please, no calls or faxes.

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