



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (GA)
invites applications for the position of:**

Public Information Officer

SALARY: \$37,628.00 - \$39,509.00 Annually

OPENING DATE: 04/20/21

CLOSING DATE: 05/04/21 11:59 PM

DESCRIPTION:

Location: District 2 Public Health Regional Office, 1280 Athens Street, Gainesville, GA 30507

Recruitment: This position is open to all qualified applicants

Pay Grade: H

Requisition: 2021-00706

District 2 Public Health serves 13 counties in northeast Georgia, including Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White counties. One of the fastest growing regions in the state, District 2 includes rural and urban communities with diverse public health challenges.

The mission of public health is to promote and protect the health of people in Georgia wherever they live, work and play. We embrace this mission by serving individuals, families, and communities to improve their health and enhance their quality of life.

Come join the team that's changing the face of public health. We are improving the health of Georgia one community at a time. We are focused on understanding community health challenges and developing smart solutions that allow us to make an impact in our community. We are a team of intelligent and committed individuals who are passionate about public health and serving northeast Georgia. If you want to make a difference in public health, you should join our team.

In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a generous benefits package that includes employee retirement plan, deferred compensation, 12 paid holidays, vacation & sick leave, dental, vision, long term care, and life insurance.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under supervision, assists with the planning, development and implementation of a communications program, and/or public relations plan for an assigned agency, department, facility or function.

- Manage information disseminated from District 2 Public Health to the media and the public through printed and electronic media
- Manage all media inquiries and coordinate all messaging with the appropriate public health program coordinators / managers
- Responsible for updating the district communications plan
- Writing press releases
- Maintaining relationships with media organizations and reporters
- Maintain professional working relationships with other community partners and organizations for health-related activities
- As a member of the District 2 Emergency Preparedness team, serves as the District EP Risk Communicator

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in communications or a related field from an accredited college or university OR Three years of communications or related experience.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

To be considered for employment at District 2 Public Health you must complete an online application. This job application can be found at www.dph.georgia.gov. Click on "About DPH" and then "Careers", locate position then click "Apply" to begin your application. Please make sure you have selected the specific job you are interested in and qualified for.

You will receive an email or telephone call if you are selected to participate in the interview process. Please do not send hard copies of application materials. All information can be uploaded to the online system. All qualified applicants will be considered but may not necessarily receive an interview. This position is subject to close at any time once a satisfactory applicant pool has been identified. Notifications will be sent only to applicants who are selected for interviews. Applications must include an email address and daytime phone number where applicant can be reached. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

Pre-employment criminal records check (fingerprinting) is required.

As an employee of D2PH, in the event of an identified emergency you may be required, as a term and condition of employment, to assist in meeting the emergency responsibilities of the department.

Note: An applicant who has a disability requiring special accommodations should contact this office. In accordance with Georgia's Drug Free Workplace Act, it has been determined that certain positions warrant pre-employment drug testing.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The use of wellness breaks during the workday is authorized to support this philosophy and assist employees in meeting their wellness goals. A maximum of 30 minutes in a given workday may be used to engage in wellness activities, generally in the form of two 15-minute breaks or one 30-minute break.

For more information regarding employment with District 2 Public Health please visit our website at www.phdistrict2.org