

Injury

Assignment Description:

The Fellow will work as an epidemiologist in the Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention. He or she will work with staff to assist in developing community-based violence prevention programs. Using available databases, the Fellow will identify high risk communities; identify community partners including trauma centers, hospital emergency departments, local health departments, local schools, community advocates and social support systems to work within high risk neighborhoods to reduce the causes of homicide and suicide.

Training in suicide prevention work will be provided by the CDC Injury Control Research Center for Preventing Suicide located at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Homicide prevention work will follow a model developed by Strong Memorial Hospital conducting case intervention in the hospital setting then incorporating that intervention into the community. Further work in the community will include workplace violence prevention in high risk neighborhoods, and working with communities in creating healthier environments such as providing well-lit streets, reducing litter, etc. Policy work will focus on reducing access to firearms for children and individuals at high-risk for violence.

Day-to-Day Activities:

The Fellow will conduct analyses identifying high-risk communities. The Fellow will obtain training then become a trainer to communities in how to develop violence and suicide intervention programs. The Fellow will provide support for the development of partnerships, technical assistance to community stakeholders to address the causes of violence, and implement evidence-based interventions to address the causes of violence. Evaluation of programs will be designed and conducted.

Potential Projects:

The primary Fellow project is as described above. The Fellow will also assist in writing any applicable grant applications for NYS to gain support and staff for the Violence Prevention work. As time permits, the Fellow can work with the epidemiology staff in calculating the occupational health and injury indicators, and reviewing these data for trends and disparities.

Preparedness Role

The Director of Environmental Emergency Preparedness for the Center for Environmental Health is located in the Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention. The Fellow will have the opportunity to shadow the Director and participate in preparedness activities. A project can be designed for the Fellow to participate in environmental emergency activities either through table-top exercises, or if an emergency occurs, by participating in the response.

Assignment Location: Albany, NY

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