Agency Name: Arthritis Foundation

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Geographic Areas Served: State of Maryland (minus Prince George’s and Montgomery County – these are served by our Metro DC office in Bethesda, MD)

Supervisor(s):

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Agency Goals & Objectives: The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases. The objective of the Arthritis Foundation is to help people with arthritis take control and learn to limit the impact of arthritis on their life activities through research, education and programs.

Department Goals and Objectives:
- Emphasize prevention, including people at risk of developing arthritis (primary prevention) and emphasizing early diagnosis and prompt intervention (secondary prevention).
- Emphasize population approaches, pursuing community-based initiatives that target minority populations and populations that are underserved with regard to arthritis care.
• Emphasize partnerships, multiplying effectiveness through joint efforts with other organization and agencies, both public and private.
• Emphasize the importance of health care cost, quality and access concerns, addressing these issues in research, advocacy and communication activities.
• Reduce arthritis pain
• Reduce activity limitations due to arthritis
• Reduce racial disparities in arthritis care
• Promote visits to competent arthritis care providers

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED? Yes ___  No X _

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION (How might your organization use and improve a health education student’s skills and knowledge?):
The Health and Wellness/Public Health Intern will assist the Health and Wellness Director with planning community outreach events (such as various Health Expos and Patient Education Programs) and with the maintenance of existing public health and exercise programs. In addition, this intern may be responsible for the following: communicating with program volunteers; planning support programs for children with arthritis and their families; writing and editing newsletter pieces; gathering information and resources for grant writing efforts; participating in developing partnerships with community based organizations; and assisting with all aspects of health and wellness activities and programs.

INTERN INFORMATION (What are the skills and qualities you seek in an intern?):
The successful candidate will have strong communication and writing skills; strong organizational skills; flexibility; the ability to work well within a team structure of staff and volunteers; and familiarity with general office computer programs (specifically Word, Excel, and PowerPoint a plus).

OTHER INFORMATION (Parking problems? Need for night/weekend availability? Things a student should know before an interview?):
HOURS: Occasional night or weekend may be requested (advance notice given).
PARKING: Free Parking
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:
DRESS CODE: Business Casual

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM.
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