



Manager of Food Is Medicine Initiatives

Operation Food Search (OFS) is looking for a detail-oriented, motivated, flexible, and passionate individual to join our Innovation team. The Manager of Food Is Medicine Initiatives will work across food-is-medicine programs focused on implementing the Fresh Rx: Nourishing Healthy Starts and Fresh Rx: Prescribing Healthy Futures programs. The Manager of Food Is Medicine Initiatives will lead the implementation of a randomized control trial for Fresh Rx: Nourishing Healthy Starts, which serves pregnant people experiencing food insecurity, and Fresh Rx: Prescribing Healthy Futures, which will serve youth with type 1 diabetes and their families. A strong desire to work between innovation and program implementation is a must for a successful applicant.

Position Overview

The Manager of Food Is Medicine Initiatives reports to the Senior Manager of Innovative Programs and shall work to promote and support programming in accordance with OFS's mission and goals. The Manager of Food Is Medicine Initiatives will also work in close collaboration with the innovation team including the Manager of Foodservice Operations, Fresh Rx Community Chef, Diabetes Specialist, Food & Nutrition Specialist, Care Managers and Nutrition Ambassadors, as well as the larger Department of Policy and Innovation.

Organization Overview

Operation Food Search (OFS), a hunger relief organization based in St. Louis, MO, strengthens the safety net by empowering children, teens, and adults with a range of innovative programs and services proven to reduce food insecurity and increase access to healthy and affordable food. We help feed 200,000 people every month.

Mission: To nourish and educate our neighbors in need to heal the hurt of hunger.

Goals: 1) Meet the immediate need for food for children and families; 2) Empower long-term skills by teaching culinary skills and nutrition education; 3) Champion change through advocacy and innovation.

For more information about OFS, please visit www.operationfoodsearch.org.

Primary Position Responsibilities

The Manager of Food Is Medicine Initiatives will lead a multidisciplinary team working on two distinct Food-Is-Medicine programs: Fresh Rx: Nourishing Healthy Starts and Fresh Rx: Prescribing Healthy Futures. This position will guide the day-to-day program implementation and management, including supervision of the program team and collaboration with external program partners.

- Fresh Rx: Nourishing Healthy Starts
 - Manage the existing Fresh Rx: Nourishing Healthy Starts randomized control trial and program implementation serving pregnant people and their families experiencing food insecurity, including adherence to IRB protocols and study documentation.
 - Collaborate with program partners on program benchmarks and implementation, including the research team at Washington University, the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, healthcare systems, and community organizations.

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- Fresh Rx: Prescribing Healthy Futures
 - Manage the upcoming Fresh Rx: Prescribing Healthy Futures program, which will serve youth with type 1 diabetes and their families experiencing food insecurity, including adherence to IRB protocols and study documentation.
 - Collaborate with program partners on program benchmarks and implementation, including St. Louis Children's Hospital, and other community organizations.
- People and Project Management
 - Supervise care managers, registered dietitians, and other program staff working on the Fresh Rx programs.
 - Collaborate with Policy & Innovation Department staff leads on cross-program goals and implementation, including food systems, policy, and community-partnership projects.
 - Lead funding and grant applications and reports for both Fresh Rx programs, including working with OFS staff to fulfill applications.
 - Manage and develop program budgets for both Fresh Rx programs in collaboration with team members.
 - Serve as a liaison between OFS food-is-medicine programming and general OFS program.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications, Experience, Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

The ideal candidate has a strong background working in dynamic programs that incorporate food-is-medicine, research, and multidisciplinary teams serving populations across the lifespan. Being highly detail oriented is a must, as this position will require technical research skills and/or knowledge to ensure program requirements are being met for IRB protocols. The work requires a strong growth mindset and a patient, flexible working style to accommodate variable program development timelines and managing multiple program goals.

The ideal candidate will have the following skills:

- Highly detail oriented with the ability to synthesize data and adhere to research protocols.
- Flexible, patient working style to accommodate variable program development timelines.
- Passion for leadership and mentoring staff.
- Strong growth mindset and a critical eye for program improvement.

Required qualifications:

- Master's in social work, public health, dietetics, or related field.
- 5 - 7 years' experience in maternal and child health, diabetes, and/or similar health-related programming, implementation, and evaluation.
- 2 - 4 years' experience in people and project management.
- Strong working knowledge on the impacts of food apartheid and systemic oppression.
- Dedication to advancing food-is-medicine programs from a perspective of social justice, racial equity, Trauma-Informed Care, and a strengths-based mindset.
- Possess a flexible and growth-based mindset and actively seek out opportunities to learn.
- Ability to work in a self-directed manner and without close supervision.
- Ability to establish positive interpersonal relationships with OFS team, partners, and stakeholders.
- Strong communication and organizational skills.

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- Flexibility in working hours to accommodate some evenings, occasional special events after hours and/or weekend activities.
- Ability to protect the mission, goals, and values of the organization.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills and relationship building between team members, community organizations, and program partners
- Willingness to assist with other OFS duties as required or as assigned.

Preferred Experience:

- Clinical and/or supervisory experience of case managers and registered dietitians.
- Strong background experience working with families and individuals living with food insecurity.
- Detail-oriented with ability to work on multiple projects concurrently.
- Professional training and expertise around Trauma-Informed Care.
- Knowledge base of whole-person health (Health at Every Size).
- Experience in motivational interviewing.
- Proficient computer skills with Teams, MS Office, PowerPoint, Excel and Google Drive.

To Apply: Email a **cover letter and resume** to Katie Simpson, MSW, LCSW, Senior Manager of Innovative Programs. No phone calls, please.

Applications received without both cover letter and resume may not be considered.

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Location: 1644 Lotsie Boulevard, Overland, MO 63132

Salary and Benefits: \$53,000 – 65,000, commensurate with experience; Health Insurance; Dental; 401(k); PTO

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