

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

Job Announcement: Overdose Epidemiologist

Overdose Data to Action

Nature of Work/Overview

The mission of the Allegheny County Health Department is to protect, promote, and preserve the health and well-being of all Allegheny County residents, particularly the most vulnerable.

This position is part of a three-year funding opportunity, Overdose Data to Action (OD2A), given to state and local health departments to implement innovative surveillance initiatives to better inform overdose prevention activities. Under the direction of the OD2A Surveillance Lead, the employee is responsible for supporting surveillance initiatives as stated under the yearly OD2A Work Plan. The employee will complete analytics and reporting of data related to drug overdose and concomitant conditions surrounding drug use to support efforts aimed at reducing the burden of overdose mortality and morbidity. The employee will use available data sources which include but are not limited to vital statistics, toxicology reports, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program data, hospitalization records, emergency response dispatches, and naloxone administration data. Work is performed with considerable independence with general guidance and supervision received from the OD2A Surveillance Lead and the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Assessment, Statistics, and Epidemiology of the Health Department.

Please note that this is not a permanent position and therefore not eligible for Allegheny County benefits. Temporary positions or contractor positions are administered and paid through a separate employment agency or by independent contract.

Minimum Requirements

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in public health, mathematics/ statistics or other scientific discipline and three years of experience in data analytics and visualization.

OR

A Master's Degree in public health or other scientific discipline and one year of experience in data analytics and visualization.



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Typical Duties

Supports OD2A staff in the maintenance, analysis, and reporting of data.

Collaborates with professionals in programs within the health department, such as Infectious Disease and Chronic Disease, on topics related to substance use and injury.

Collaborates with agencies outside the Health Department including the Department of Human Services, Emergency Medical Services, the Office of the Medical Examiner, and local health systems.

Conducts surveillance of fatal and nonfatal overdoses.

Implements analytics into data visualizations to be consumed by OD2A partners, local stakeholders, and the public.

Performs related work as required.

Desired Skills

Knowledge of the principles of public health

Knowledge of public data sources

Knowledge of mapping software, including ArcGIS

Knowledge of data analytics software such as SAS, R, or Python

Knowledge of data visualization software, primarily Tableau

Ability to organize, manage, and document large datasets and databases

Ability to lead meetings with internal and external partners

Ability to represent ideas effectively, concisely, and accurately through oral, written, and electronic platforms.

Location

425 Fourth Avenue, Hartley Rose Building

Pay Rate

\$25.00/hour

How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit a brief cover letter (optional) and a resume/CV (required) to Dr. LuAnn Brink at LuAnn.Brink@allegHENYcounty.us. Please use the subject line: **“OD2A Surveillance.”**

Please note that this is a contract-only position hired through a temporary staffing agency. Benefits, including health insurance, are available through the contracting agency. Although the individual will be working on projects for the Allegheny County Health Department under the supervision of Allegheny County Health Department staff, the individual will not be hired as a County employee or be eligible for County Benefits.