



**New England Public Health Training Center
SNAP Incentives Policy Intern**

Background

The Rhode Island Public Health Institute's (RIPHI) mission is to promote community health and to eliminate health disparities in Rhode Island and beyond. We work with diverse partners in non-profit, academic, and government sectors to develop innovative public health programs, conduct translational and policy research, and train students and public health practitioners.

RIPHI's Food on the Move is a mobile produce market that aims to reduce disparities in food access for all Rhode Islanders. Food on the Move reduces barriers of cost and geographic access to healthy, culturally relevant fruits and vegetables by bringing produce to diverse communities that face inequity in health outcomes. In addition, Food on the Move offers a 50% discount to customers that use their SNAP/EBT card for purchases, helping to make the produce offerings more affordable. RIPHI is currently facilitating an initiative to expand this SNAP incentive into the retail setting. We are gathering feedback and input from a variety of stakeholders, including SNAP recipients as this program will greatly impact this population. The team of stakeholders is currently completing the program design phase and the policy campaign is poised to launch this fall. As we begin to approach legislators for support with this initiative, we want to present evidence to highlight why this would be a good investment for the state of Rhode Island, including impact on local businesses and workforce development. This position will have a focus on exploring the return on investment for SNAP incentives and producing a policy analysis detailing this research.

Position Description:

This position will report into the Food Access Manager and will support the work of the retail SNAP incentive initiative. **The focus of this internship will be the generation of a policy analysis of the proposed expansion on SNAP incentives into a retail setting as an economic benefit for Rhode Island.** There may also be a variety of other responsibilities related to this campaign, including but not limited to:

- Survey administration
- Data entry and analysis
- Report generation
- Detailed note taking at various meetings
- Food policy research

This job provides an excellent opportunity to gain experience with food access policy, grassroots advocacy campaigns and legislative lobbying.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- **MPH student with a focus on health economics / policy**
- Highly organized, reliable & professional
- Proficient with Microsoft office
- Strong writing and research skills
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced deadline driven environment
- Self-starter with excellent time management skills

To apply please send a resume and cover letter to intern@riphi.org. Subject line should read "NEPHTC SNAP Incentives."