



VOLUNTEER FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

Healthy NewsWorks is making a difference in children's lives. Our health-focused journalism program provides young students in under-resourced schools with skills and confidence that are critical to their academic success and will help them develop as citizens who can strengthen communities.

OVERVIEW AND ROLE

Healthy NewsWorks is looking for friendly, reliable volunteers to lead interactive workshops for parents, caregivers, and children.

Our Family Engagement Workshops focus on topics such as health, wellness, communication, media literacy, and school success. Facilitators use prepared materials and activities to guide families through discussions, games, demonstrations, and hands-on learning.

This role may be a good fit for a retired teacher, school professional, nurse, health educator, social worker, journalist, or someone else with experience working with adults and families.

What You'll Do

- Lead Family Engagement Workshops using materials provided by Healthy NewsWorks.
- Create a welcoming and comfortable environment for families.
- Guide group discussions and hands-on activities.
- Encourage participation from parents, caregivers, and children.
- Review workshop materials before each session.
- Help with basic setup and cleanup.
- Distribute handouts and take-home resources.
- Collect attendance and participant feedback when needed.
- Stay in communication with Healthy NewsWorks staff about scheduling and workshop needs.

Healthy NewsWorks will adjust deadlines to accommodate volunteers' availability.

QUALIFICATIONS

Experience working with adults, families, schools, or community groups.

Comfort speaking in front of groups and leading activities.

Strong communication and people skills.

Reliability and flexibility.

Background in health, education, journalism, media literacy, and/or family engagement.

Ability to follow a workshop plan while keeping the session lively and welcoming.

Retired teachers, current or retired health professionals, and journalists with a teaching background are especially encouraged to apply. Experience with adult education, parent programs, professional learning, or community workshops is preferred.



LOCATION

Workshops are generally held on weekday afternoons and evenings at schools, libraries, and community locations in the Philadelphia area.

Facilitators should be able to travel locally and have reliable transportation or access to public transportation.

HOURS

The time commitment will vary based on workshop scheduling. Volunteers may accept workshop assignments based on their availability. While workshops are generally 60–90 minutes, each workshop will also require some time to review materials and prepare before the session.

SIGN UP TO HELP

Please send an email to: Editor@healthynewsworks.org

QUESTIONS

Please contact: John LaChine, Chief of Staff, Editor@HealthyNewsWorks.org

ABOUT HEALTHY NEWSWORKS

The mission of Healthy NewsWorks is to empower elementary and middle school students to become researchers, writers, critical thinkers, and confident communicators who advance health understanding and literacy through their factual publications and digital media. Healthy NewsWorks is a nonprofit organization that:

- Equips students with journalism skills, including interviewing, researching, writing, and discerning facts.
- Focuses on health promotion, including issues that affect personal and public health.
- Promotes health equity, by its focus on schools that serve children from under-resourced communities and through the work of student journalists.