

Children's Vaccine EDUCATION PROJECT

Background and Commitment

Dear school/organization administrator,

The Franklin Institute, a science museum in Philadelphia, and the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) are seeking to collaborate with nurses for their Children's Vaccine Education Project. The aim of the project is to develop and share toolkits for supporting nurses in COVID-19 vaccine education in the communities they serve. The project will engage a cohort of nurses who will test the implementation of project activities with children. To learn more you can view the <u>project website</u> to learn about project partners, materials developed, and impact to date. As a member of your staff is interested in applying to participate in this cohort, we are pleased to share with you more information about the project and the commitment involved.

Project Partners

The Children's Vaccine Education Project is led by The Franklin Institute, with funding through NNCC's cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to reinforce confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines by building trust, empowering healthcare personnel, and engaging communities and individuals. Through various training and technical assistance activities, NNCC reaches a national network of nursing professionals working at the frontlines of care. The Franklin Institute is one of the leading science centers in the country, and provides people with educational resources in their own neighborhoods through hands-on activities in classrooms, workshops in libraries, community centers, and other settings, and through ways to interact online.

Project Goal

The Franklin Institute and NNCC recognize and celebrate the critical role of nurses as trusted community health professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic, and aim to offer a valuable professional development opportunity to empower nurses as leaders in vaccine education in their communities. The Children'sVaccine Education Project has developed toolkits to strengthen nurses' expertise in educating children 2-11 years, with age appropriate information from a trusted source, about the science of how the SARS-CoV-2 virus can make them sick and how vaccines work to protect them. The toolkits include resources such as interactive activity guides and materials; short educational videos; training on vaccine communication; and supplemental

resources for families.

To ensure that our resources support the needs of and effectively build the capacity of nurses to engage their communities, we seek to recruit a cohort of nurse partners who will advise the project team, run health education activities, and evaluate program impact. The project activities will offer a unique STEM learning experience and serve as a model for future project efforts.

Commitment and Compensation

NNCC will offer a stipend of \$2,500 per cohort member in recognition of the time and resources needed to actively participate in the project. The total time commitment for the project is not to exceed 30 hours between Jan-June 2023; Meetings will be coordinated with cohort members outside of work hours.

We are grateful for your colleague's interest in contributing their expertise to this important health education initiative, and we look forward to the opportunity to work with your community. Thank you for your support.