



## GERM CITY VOLUNTEER TECHNICIAN FOOD \$ENSE PROGRAM – SKAGIT COUNTY

### **Position:**

Position consists of involvement in hand washing education programs, particularly Germ City, targeted towards food stamp recipients and/or their families. Programs may be conducted in various locations within Skagit County.

### **Purpose:**

Foodborne illnesses have a major impact on the health of Americans, causing an estimated 76 million cases of illness each year. Poor hand washing is one of the major contributors to foodborne illness. There is a need to improve hand washing skills in order to reduce illness and absenteeism.

### **Line of Responsibility:**

The person in this position will be responsible to Joanne Austin, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Faculty. Supervision may be provided by other Family Living staff.

### **Office Location:**

WSU Skagit County Extension, 11768 Westar Lane, Suite A, Burlington, Washington 98233

### **Responsibilities:**

- Learn how to set-up and disassemble the Germ City tent and be prepared to do so at program events.
- Educate program participants regarding proper hand washing techniques using effective communication, demonstration, and presentation skills.
- Maintain the safety of program participants at all times.
- Perform additional duties as assigned.
- Represent WSU Extension in a professional way.

### **Hours:**

Germ City programs may be scheduled during the day, in the evening, or on weekends.

### **Qualifications:**

- At least 16 years old.
- Physical strength necessary to set-up and disassemble the Germ City tent and move the materials and equipment safely to event sites.
- Ability to work effectively with diverse groups.
- Ability to effectively educate others regarding effective hand washing techniques.
- Good verbal communication and presentation skills.