



Position Title: Youth Development Specialist (AmeriCorps)

B:E Independent Living Program (1 position available, serving ages 14+)

Job Description

Bay Area Youth Agency Consortium (BAYAC) AmeriCorps collaborates with over 20 agencies in over 70 schools and community-based organizations to serve youth and families in the San Francisco Bay Area. As part of AmeriCorps, BAYAC Members commit to a full-time (40 hours/week) term of service in the Bay Area working to provide youth with opportunities for meaningful engagement, skill building, and emotional and social development. This is a paid work experience program for folks who are looking to advance their career working with youth and in the field of education. We are hiring folks to serve as after-school educators, classroom aides, academic coaches & mentors, tutors, health educators, and enrichment activities coordinators.

Organization Description:

The Independent Living Program (ILP) division of Beyond Emancipation supports current foster youth ages 14-21 with training to assist them in the transition to lead independent and productive lives. ILP conducts pre-emancipation life skills classes, provides college and scholarship application assistance, leadership training and opportunities, and a wealth of other services to enable foster youth to be better prepared to make the transition out of care. ILP services will be headquartered at Beyond Emancipation's current location in East Oakland with locations also in South County.

The office environment is friendly, casual, mission-focused, and fast-paced. More information is available at: www.beyondemancipation.org.

Job duties include:

- Create and deliver impactful service plans that focus on achieving outcomes in the areas of education, employment, long-term housing, parenting, relationships and overall health
- Using coaching strategies (training provided), engage youth to create long term visions for their future, set short and long-term goals, and determine education and employment pathways to help them move toward those goals
- Help design, facilitate, and recruit for ongoing workshops that address crucial self-sufficiency and employment skills for in-care foster youth
- Assess and refer clients to job readiness training and employment programs throughout Alameda County
- Help youth identify permanent connections in their life to both aid in their transition from foster care and to strengthen their support network as they shift towards independence
- Represent Beyond Emancipation/ILP at community meetings and events
- Make presentations to child welfare workers, probation officers, caregivers, and community based organizations on topics related to education and career development
- Participate in organization-wide meetings and trainings and Worker of the Day duties and rotation
- Promote a safe and positive group environment
- Actively supervise and ensure student safety at all times
- Model positive attitudes, behaviors, and language
- Communicate regularly with the site coordinator and regional supervisor
- Ensure that spaces and equipment are used appropriately and cleaned up after workshops
- Maintain accurate attendance records and reporting procedures
- Attend and participate in weekly training and cohort meetings

Gain experience and skills:

- Work full time in diverse and vibrant Bay Area communities
- Work within the education and nonprofit sectors
- Develop basic teaching and coaching skills, including curriculum development, behavior management practices and public speaking/facilitation
- Make lasting connections with fellow service minded community members
- Build confidence in public speaking
- Acquire concrete workplace skills
- Develop personal and professional goals with guidance and support
- Promote meaningful community partnerships
- Become part of a large alumni network

Benefits include:

- \$1300-1400 monthly living stipend
- \$5,815 education award upon completion of term
- Health care benefits
- Student loan forbearance for qualifying loans
- Childcare assistance (if eligible)

Qualifications:

- U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or a lawful permanent resident of the United States
- At least 17 years old
- Ability to work full-time (40 hours/week) and commit to an 11 month term of service
- Successful completion of TB test and Live Scan/fingerprinting (upon hire)
- Prefer to have 48 college credits completed, not required
- Bilingual candidates strongly encouraged to apply

To apply: Go to <http://www.bayac.org/> and click "Apply Now!"

Deadline to submit your application is July 31, 2018