



Position Description

Type of Position: LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Length of Term: Approx. 20 hours/week, for 6 to 8 months. 450 or 675 hours total.

Application Deadline: Sept. 5, 2009

Service Dates: ASAP to February or March 2010. Dates are flexible.

Interviews: Applicants are interviewed & placed on an on-going basis until positions are filled.

Position Title: LINKS Energy Services Volunteer (1 position)

Project Sponsor: Oregon Coast Community Action

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: Empowering people to work toward social and economic justice and independence.

Project Location: 97829 Shopping Ctr Ave Ste F, Harbor, OR 97415

Position Summary: Assist Energy Services in Curry County to provide crisis services for adults and families; plan and complete outreach efforts to educate, recruit donors and more; identify needs of Curry County services and research, plan and assist in coordinating funding resources with the ORCCA Development Team. Update the Curry County Resource Guide and other tasks/activities as needed.

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

1. Prepare and conduct presentations on Curry County Services and ways the community can support ORCCA.
2. Work with caseworkers to assess identified client needs and locate available community or agency resources to meet needs.
3. Work with staff to identify methods to increase customer service, efficiency of services and improve customer experience.
4. Serve as an active team member in all ORCCA Curry County activities.
5. Assist with community outreach to potential clients.
6. Provide assistance to ORCCA Development Team to locate funding resources and coordinate events/tasks to improve crisis services in Curry Co. for families in need.
7. Assist with Curry County Resource Guide.
8. Work with caseworkers to assist families in need as requested by ORCCA staff.
9. Assist in office coordination of tasks, records and other necessary duties.
10. Develop clear program policies and procedures to ensure sustainability after position ends.
11. Perform other duties as assigned.
12. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
13. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
14. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending events.

Requirements:

1. LINKS members must be at least 17 years of age. High School students encouraged to apply.
2. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
3. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
4. Regular and reliable attendance is a requirement of the position.
5. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
6. Submit to a criminal history background check (for both ORCCA and AmeriCorps).
7. Willing to sign confidentiality agreement.
8. Must have drivers license or access to reliable transportation. Good driving record & proof of insurance preferred.
9. Ability to work in excess of eight hours per day and during evenings as required.
10. Ability to sit for as long as four hours at a time.
11. Be able to speak in public, write letters/reports, willing to work with others.

Preferred Qualifications/Skills:

1. Experience in public speaking and working on team projects.
2. Excellent understanding of grammar and basic business writing skills.
3. Customer Service experience (to help in working with clients).
4. Excellent phone etiquette and professional manners.

5. Understand how to use business software (Microsoft Word, Excel, etc), email, the World Wide Web.
6. Must be able to work in a fast paced environment.
7. Some college courses in business, social work, human services or other topics.
8. One business reference and a personal reference.

Member Benefits Include:

- Free tuition waiver may be available for higher education opportunities. *Find out more from ORCCA AmeriCorps Supervisor Hallie Winchell, at (541) 888-7108.
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,250 (450 hour term) or \$1,800 (675 hour term). The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay a portion of the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Professional development and training opportunities, potential course/internship/practicum credit, and benefit from gaining professional experience in a mid-size nonprofit organization.

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to halliew@orcca.us (Make sure to put LINKS application in the subject line)

Step 2 - Complete your application online at the AmeriCorps website. [AmeriCorps Application](#)

1. If you do not already have a username and password, you must create a profile. [Create A Profile](#)
2. Once you have created a profile, log in and complete an application by clicking “Applications” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu.
3. To apply to this specific position, click “Search Listings” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu and search for program name **LINKS**.
4. Select the position listing and click “Apply Now” at the bottom of the page.

Questions about the project? Contact: Hallie Winchell, Development Coordinator, (541) 888-7108 or halliew@orcca.us.

Questions about AmeriCorps, LINKS or our recruitment process? Contact:

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