



Position Description

Type of Position: LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Service Dates: October, 2009 to July 30, 2010. There is definitely some flexibility around the dates.

Length of Term: Approx. 6 hours per week for 11-12 months.

Interviews: Applicants are to be interviewed individually.

Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Position Title: Uhlhorn Life Skills/Socialization Specialist (1 position)

Project Sponsor: ShelterCare Uhlhorn Program (www.sheltercare.org)

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: ShelterCare shelters and supports families and individuals, providing each an opportunity to live the fullest life possible in an environment that fosters well-being and success.

Project Location: 689 West 13th Ave, Eugene, OR 97402.

Transportation Information: The #30 Bertelsen bus from the downtown station stops right across the street from the Uhlhorn Program.

Position Summary: Help empower consumers to become more independent in their lives! Uhlhorn Program serves adults who have survived a brain injury. Accompany consumers on trips into the community and help facilitate weekly life skills training classes for consumers at Uhlhorn.

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

1. Organize social activities and community outings with consumers.
2. Coordinate outings into the community.
3. Help Uhlhorn consumers facilitate the monthly Residents Council meeting.
4. Help facilitate weekly Uhlhorn Community Meetings. This includes helping residents learn the skills needed to facilitate the meeting themselves.
5. Serve as liaison for Uhlhorn for community activity centers, especially the Hilyard Center in South Eugene, with the purpose of exposing consumers to a greater number of possible activities and outings. This would involve working collaboratively with staff at such agencies.
6. Co-facilitate or lead classes/groups on various life skills and recreational activities. This would include being Uhlhorn's representative on the Friendship Network as well as the Consumer Council.
7. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
8. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
9. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Requirements:

1. Possession of a driver's license is required as this individual will be enrolled to drive agency vehicles.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
3. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
4. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
5. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
6. Submit to a criminal history background check and National Sex Offender Registry search.
7. Regular and reliable attendance.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. The desire to help persons with disabilities.
2. An interest in pursuing a career in the social services field and/or helping those less fortunate.
3. Patience. Persons living with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) often process their thoughts more slowly, and they often move around more slowly due to complications from their injury.

Member Benefits Include:

- A taxable living allowance of approximately \$125 per month.

- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,000. 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: Training opportunities relevant to this position will be made available to this volunteer on several occasions throughout the year.

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to gobersinner@sheltercare.org.

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: Gene Obersinner, Volunteer Coordinator, at 541-686-1262 or gobersinner@sheltercare.org.

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