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FOSTER YOUTH VOICE REPRESENTATIVE – FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES

Los Angeles County Office of Education
Division of Student Support Services

THE PROGRAM:

Los Angeles County is home to approximately 26,000 school-aged children in foster care. Legislation that passed under an urgency clause (AB 854 effective July 1, 2015) includes mandates for Foster Youth Services Coordinating Programs (FYSCP) to report on the educational outcomes of students in foster care by creating and facilitating collaborative systems, building capacity, providing or coordinating direct services (e.g., counseling, tutoring, mentoring), case management, school-based social work, college and career partnerships, LGBTQ supports, emancipation services, and technical assistance for the 80+ school districts and 370+ charters in Los Angeles County. The approved state plan and the optimal approach in accomplishing this mission is to form regional cohorts of school districts, child welfare and probation departments determined by the number of students in foster care.

THE POSITION:

The mission of FYSCP is to facilitate collaboration and build capacity in order to maximize the educational success of students in foster care. FYSCP is working to ensure that county collaborative meetings tasked with supporting outcomes for foster youth have at least two members representing the foster youth voice. The current opening is for 5 part-time Foster Youth Voice Representatives to attend assigned meetings with a time commitment of a minimum of 10 hours per month. Position duration is expected to be between July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

Under the direction of the Foster Youth Services Coordinator III, the Foster Youth Voice Representative, Foster Youth Services will be assigned to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Division of Student Support Services and shall primarily serve as a contributor with lived experience for a cohort of school districts and partner agencies in an assigned region of Los Angeles County. The Foster Youth Voice Representative meets regularly with various agencies and LACOE internal staff to share their perspective, assess and help determine program needs.

LOCATION:

Los Angeles County Office of Education, 9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242-2890.
Meetings are facilitated throughout Los Angeles County.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Uphold the vision of the FYSCP by ensuring equitable educational outcomes for youth in foster care in Los Angeles County
- Attend collaborative meetings to share the foster youth perspective
- Participate in quarterly Executive Advisory Council meetings
- Uphold the values and mission of LACOE and FYSCP at meetings and trainings
- Establish and maintain collaborative working relationships with committee members and FYSCP staff
- Must provide own transportation to and from various meetings throughout Los Angeles County

- Assess how schools and organizations are engaging foster youth as leaders and make recommendations
- Identify strategies and resources which improve services for foster youth
- Work successfully as a part of a team
- Complete special assignments, projects, and other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

- Relationship-building, conflict resolution, and communication skills
- Concepts and application of scheduling and time management
- Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary

Ability to:

- Observe, make assessments, and suggest appropriate actions regarding the needs of students in foster care
- Ability to speak, read, and write proficiently in English
- Communicate clearly via email, phone, and in-person interactions
- Ability to establish positive relationships with various stakeholders and community partners
- Maintain confidentiality
- Ability to multi-task and work efficiently in groups or independently
- Effective presentation skills

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

Any combination of education and experience that would be likely to provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Lived experience within the child welfare and/or probation system
Experience working with a group or committee

Education

A High School Diploma or equivalent

RATE OF PAY:

\$18.00 - \$23.00/hr. (dependent upon education and experience)

WORK YEAR:

Twelve months. Duty year is July 1 – June 30

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Environment:

Is subject to inside environmental conditions; subject to traveling within and outside of County sites to conduct work; may be asked to attend periodic evening meetings and/or to travel within and out of County boundaries to attend meetings; may be asked to work evenings or weekends.

Physical Abilities:

Perform work that is primarily sedentary; sitting for extended periods of time, hearing and speaking to communicate and exchange information, walking, seeing to observe accuracy of reports and documents, and dexterity of hands and fingers to operate office equipment. Should an applicant require reasonable accommodation, LACOE will consider that upon request.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Interested, qualified persons are invited to submit a current resume along with responses to the following supplemental questions to: FYSCP_Team@lacoedu.

1. Why are you interested in this position?
2. Briefly describe your experience with foster care and how you will use the Foster Youth Voice Representative position to achieve the FYSCP mission.
3. Describe your experience working with groups/committees.

Submissions will be carefully reviewed. Applicants with the most appropriate experience will be contacted for an interview. All applicants will be notified of their application status via email. For more information, please contact Katrina Taylor, FYSCP Coordinator III, at (424) 543-4396 or Taylor_Katrina@lacoedu.

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