Parent Educator AmeriCorps Member

The Parent Educator AmeriCorps serves by providing parents of 4-year-old children the tools to engage directly with their child on developmentally appropriate, hands-on, skill building activities through 45-minute home visits (virtual available, in-person preferred) teaching/coaching parents through role play scenarios. Parent Educators receive weekly 90-minute training that focuses on how to use the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Parenting Program curriculum with parents.

Service Position Type  Half Time (900 Hours)
Service Location  First Steps Local Partnership (LP)
Term  August 17 (Returning Members only) or September 3, 2021 – June 30, 2022
Average Weekly Hours  25 Hours
Living Allowance  $359.52 twice per month not to exceed $7,550.00 for the service term.
Education Award  up to $3,172.50 Provided at the end of the program year for student loan debt or tuition. If you are 55 years or older, the Education Award can be transferred to a family member. Please visit http://americorps.gov/members-volunteers/segal-americorps-education-award for additional information on the education award.

Additional Benefits

✓ Professional Development
✓ Mileage Reimbursement
✓ Access to First Steps 4K Child Care Scholarships

Education and Other Qualifications

✓ Must be 21 years of age
✓ Have a high school diploma or equivalent
✓ Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
✓ Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria pursuant to 45 CFR 2540.202.
✓ Satisfy the South Carolina Department of Social Services Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect for the purpose of home visitation volunteer Services
✓ Must have reliable transportation and possess a valid South Carolina’s driver’s license and current insurance if using a personal vehicle for company work.

Essential Functions

✓ Serve 8-10 families providing the scripted HIPPY Curriculum that focuses on increasing parent engagement with their child(ren) (in-person home visitation preferred, virtual options available)
✓ Participation in the planning and organization of group meetings, which includes role playing the curriculum and the provision of an enrichment activity.
✓ Participation in weekly in-service training and other team development activities.
✓ Keeping the HIPPY Coordinator abreast of child/family progress and familial issues and concerns as they arise.
✓ Timely completion and submission of required forms and data entry as required by the HIPPY coordinator and/or AmeriCorps Coordinator.
✓ Participation in all sponsored HIPPY and AmeriCorps activities (e.g., field trips, graduations, awards ceremonies, etc.)
✓ Participate in September 11th Day of Remembrance and/or Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service events, which may take place on the weekend or during holidays and include activities outside of the scope of typical day-to-day functions.

This Program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, political affiliation, marital or parental status, genetic information, and military service. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.