



UNITED WAY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Member Position Description 2020-2021

Applications are being taken until position is filled

Apply Online or send resume to United Way of Douglas County

645 Vermont St., #590, Lawrence KS 66044

Service year is September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

About the United Way Douglas County

United Way fights poverty and improves lives by Uniting Douglas County. In support of our mission for a thriving, health and resilient Douglas County, the United Way coordinates the United for Douglas County Community AmeriCorps Program to support the capacity of local nonprofit health and human service agencies. The United Way places AmeriCorps members in host organizations to improve the capacity of local health and human service organizations to serve economically disadvantaged and impoverished community members.

AmeriCorps members serve a vulnerable population and must be cleared by background checks prior to unsupervised interactions with clients.

General Position Description

Members will provide, support, and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved outcomes for economically disadvantaged people by increasing the capacity of the host-site organization where they serve.

Interventions will be targeted to increase capacity in at least one of the five key domains of organizational capacity, as identified by CNCS. Capacity building activities will support or enhance the program delivery model, respond to the organization's goal of increasing, expanding or enhancing services in order to address pressing community needs, and/or enable the organization to provide a sustained level of more or better direct services after the AmeriCorps member's term of service has ended.

Each member provides direct service capacity-building activities 25 hours a week for 12 months, as well as community engagement activities 5 hours a week for 12 months. The remaining 10 hours a week are available for training and professional development, administrative duties, and community awareness and outreach events.

Lawrence- Douglas County Housing Authority -Community Engagement Capacity

Engaging youth in youth center, creating programs or supporting current programs.
Data collection and grant writing.
Client Assistance and referrals.
Support efforts of community groups related to housing and or the needs of LDCHA clients.
Pursue joint programming with various agencies as appropriate

Lawrence Community Shelter - Service Capacity

Support LCS staff in any and all client engagement tasks and activities. Interface with individuals seeking shelter in-person, over the phone, and via email.
Plan and support client engagement activities.
Support the Stabilization Manager in their efforts.
Engage in Housing Navigation

Sunrise Project -Service Capacity

Community Navigators will work within low-income LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities and will provide resources, referrals, and assistance in the community in addition to providing critical assistance in covid19 response & recovery.

Mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through the distribution of public health information and resources

Deliver medicine, food, clothing, shelter, supplies, and essential PPE, including masks and sanitation supplies, to older or at-risk individuals

Provide information on how to access mental health resources to individuals suffering from significant additional psychological stress and anxiety about the ongoing public health concerns and their risk of exposure

Provide information on how to access unemployment benefits, dislocated worker resources, or current job openings

Baldwin City Library - Service Capacity

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Benefits

- Full time members earn an education award up to \$6,195.
- Full time members earn a living allowance up to \$576/bi-weekly.
- Free individual health insurance coverage.
- Childcare assistance and student loan forbearance for qualified individuals.

The United Way AmeriCorps program is funded, in part, by a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through the Kansas Volunteer Commission (KVC), a program of the Kansas State Department of Education. Additional funding and in-kind resources are provided by host organizations and United Way.
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- Mileage reimbursement.
- Gain professional skills.
- Time off from service.

Minimum Qualifications:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident, 17 years or older.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Some college credits or verifiable work history.
- Must be comfortable communicating in person, over the phone or by email.

Equal opportunity for all, without regard to factors such as race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, political affiliation, marital or parental status, military service, or religious, community, or social affiliations.