

Carbon County AmeriCorps Part-Time After-School Mentor

United Way of the Greater LV, Carbon County, Pa

Program Overview

United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley (UWGLV) seeks an enthusiastic, independent, and professional school-based Mentor for an exciting new AmeriCorps program launching in Carbon County. An AmeriCorps assignment is a service position that is grant funded and lasts for one year. Please consider this exciting opportunity to support the academic and social skills development of high-need students across Carbon County area schools, while gaining valuable work experience and receiving a living allowance at the same time. The service term is August 2020-May 2021, pending funding. The positions are part-time, nine month commitment serving a minimum of 450 hours and may include some Fridays and weekends (13 hours per week). Hours are generally Monday – Thursday between 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM (varies slightly by school site).

The objective of the program is to provide inclusive mentorship support to students who are at risk for negative school outcomes. Students will be identified through a holistic process which encompasses academic test scores, behavior data and input from teachers/staff. Mentors will assist economically disadvantaged students in overcoming barriers such as behavioral challenges and limited access to resources. Members will have recurring access to vulnerable populations. Mentors will be assigned 10-15 students to follow throughout the school year, monitoring academics, discipline referrals, and connecting to existing programs within the school and in the community.

Position Summary

This role provides an opportunity to be a change agent working towards closing the achievement gap and removing barriers to learning for youth. Students are at the heart of our work and Mentors will help youth set goals, develop self-confidence and character, build leadership skills and provide access to external supports.

Our program partners with schools to identify students who would benefit from a positive, adult role model that can give targeted social and emotional support as well as mentor students to be their best. Mentors will also learn about and build partnerships with community resources to assist their mentees and families.

Essential AmeriCorps Duties

- Collaborate with teachers, administrators, and support staff to develop student goals around building social skills and helping remove barriers to learning.
- Mentor utilizing an evidence based curriculum to create and lead SEL (Social Emotional Learning) sessions with students 1- to-1 in grades K-8 or 9-12.
- Facilitate targeted group sessions engaging in SEL Lessons.
- Communicate regularly with parents regarding school attendance and progress reports
- Plan and deliver educational/engagement events for parents
- Attend community, school, UWGLV staff and AmeriCorps team meetings away from service site
- Engage with community based organizations to facilitate trainings and bridge gaps in access to services
- Participate in training and professional development to improve quality services for youth
- Member responsibilities should not duplicate staff roles at host site

If you have questions you may contact Heather Mullen, UWGLV Carbon County AmeriCorps Project Manager, 610-807-5733, heatherm@unitedwayglv.org

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