



Massachusetts Promise Fellowship

AFC MENTORING PROGRAMMING FELLOW

Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources that young people need to be successful in life by **mobilizing** and **organizing** community activity, **creating** and **leading** powerful initiatives, and **training** and **inspiring** citizen volunteers.

The **Massachusetts Promise Fellowship** achieves this by placing Fellows with non-profit organizations and state/local government agencies that focus on fulfilling the needs of our youth by providing; *a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, a marketable skill, and an opportunity to give back.*

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

The mission of **Adoption & Foster Care (AFC) Mentoring** is to empower foster and adopted youth to flourish through committed mentoring relationships. We focus on this at-risk population and provide them with the consistent adult support they need to thrive as youth, and eventually, as productive adults in our communities. AFC Mentoring is the only mentoring program in Boston that serves this vulnerable group of youth. We do this through AFCMentors, our one-to-one mentoring program. The Fellow at AFC will manage two main projects. First, the Fellow will lead the development of Youth Group- a program serving the needs of older youth and providing them with a peer network. Second, the Fellow will be responsible for creating a Mentor Support Group to supplement bi-monthly Mentor Trainings. The Fellow will run and evaluate the effectiveness of a Mentor Support Group.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop relationships with youth and their social workers in order to gauge their needs and interest
- Explore developing sub-groups within the Youth Group and implement as appropriate
- Identify and implement 3 ways to improve mentor-to-mentor support
- Gather and assess mentor feedback
- Coordinate monthly Youth Group meetings
- Coordinate mentor training
- Travel at least once/month to Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training

QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- The ability to work independently
- An interest in national and community service
- The desire to work with people who have out-of-home-care experiences

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- A self-starter
- Leadership skills
- Personable and outgoing
- Patient and understanding
- The ability to work with diverse constituencies
- Flexible and a good sense of humor
- US Citizen, US National or Permanent Resident Alien

BENEFITS

For a one year full-time commitment and 1700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:

A taxable living allowance of \$269/week ♦ Comprehensive health care benefits ♦

Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies ♦

Loan forbearance and a \$5,350 educational award

CONTACT INFORMATION

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis. Send a letter of interest, resume and contact info for three references **ASAP and before June 25th, 2010** preferably electronically to:

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MORE INFO

- Interviews will take place in May and June of 2010
- Hiring decisions will be made on or before July 2nd, 2010
- Program start date is August 2010
- Visit www.masspromisefellows.org for detailed program information

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship is committed to providing equal opportunities. We serve and partner with diverse organizations, and are dedicated to non-discrimination. It is our policy to ensure that all individuals with whom we are in contact are treated without regard to age, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or expression, or veteran status. We require that all our partners make reasonable accommodations for any and all individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. We actively partner with organizations representing minority concerns and interests to build high-performing teams that mirror the communities we serve.

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