



COMPASS TRANSITION SERVICES 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

COMPASS provides four community-based service programs serving disadvantaged, high-risk children, adolescents, and families. The mission of the COMPASS School is to provide high quality special educational, counseling and transitional services to students with disabilities. Our goal is to return students to mainstream educational settings or to graduate students with the skills necessary for success in the workplace or in post-secondary education. The COMPASS School works with students referred by public schools systems under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act. The Transition Services Fellow will work with the Transition Team to help prepare students for life beyond high school.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and co-implement a curriculum for the vocational component, Building Maintenance and Repair, which meets OSHA standards
- Coordinate apprenticeships and job opportunities
- Co-facilitate instructional groups for students who are seeking post-secondary education
- Provide case management in coordination with school staff
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats and training

QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent organizational and communication skills (*verbal* and *written*)
- The ability to be self-directed and to work independently
- An interest in national and commitment to community service
- Ability to see the big picture
- Ability to stay focused and adaptable in a dynamic environment
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills
- Professional and mature
- The desire to work with diverse constituencies, including disadvantaged, high-risk youth with learning disabilities, cognitive delays, emotional disturbances, mental health issues and behavioral disorders.

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- Flexibility and a sense of humor
- CPR/First Aid certified or the ability to become certified
- The ability to become certified in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention® (including physical restraints)
- Must be a US Resident, 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 \$5,550 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 May 27th, 2011** preferably electronically to:

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MORE INFO

- Interviews will take place in May of 2011
- Hiring decisions will be made on or before June 17th, 2011
- Program start date is August 2011
- 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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