



HEALTH RESOURCES IN ACTION PEER LEADERSHIP NETWORK 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

Health Resources in Action's (HRiA) mission is to help people live healthier lives and create healthy communities through prevention, health promotion, policy development and research. HRiA's broad definition of health includes physical, mental and emotional health. The organization is particularly focused on youth and improving the health of youth by building the capacity of community-based organizations, youth workers, educators, public health professionals, and youth themselves. HRiA's work with youth is conducted through its Training and Capacity Building (TCB) Department which provides trainings, technical assistance, program development and other services to individuals, institutions, organizations and communities to support the health and overall well-being of young people. The BEST Initiative which provides training and professional development for youth workers in the youth development approach is also located in the TCB Department.

The Fellow at HRiA will recruit and work with the Youth Leadership Board (YLB), a group of 6-8 youth from around the state, to create and lead the Peer Leadership Network (PLN), a group of 100 peer leaders from across Massachusetts who will be recruited to network and share best practices, learn about a public health topic, and possibly attend the Peer Leadership Institute Conference. In addition, The Fellow will learn the HRiA peer leadership model through observation and training led by senior HRiA staff. The Fellow will then have the opportunity to train peer leaders in at least three different settings, including the Peer Leadership Preventing Violence Training.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recruit, support, and supervise the Youth Leadership Board (YLB)
- Convene the YLB weekly
- Train the YLB on skills needed to implement the Peer Leadership Network (PLN), such as public speaking skills, facilitation, public health topics, etc.
- Assist the YLB with community mapping exercises to create a youth agency informational directory
- Develop partnerships with youth serving agencies to become part of the Peer Leadership Network (PLN)
- Support the YLB in creating a social media presence

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- Learn the peer leadership model by working with HRiA staff supporting youth serving agencies and training peer leaders
- Explore the feasibility of implementing HRiA's 3rd Annual Massachusetts Peer Leadership Institute
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and trainings

QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Experience working with youth
- An interest in providing training to youth
- An interest in national and commitment to national and community service
- The desire to work with diverse constituencies
- Self starter and able to work independently, as well as part of a team
- Flexibility and a sense of humor
- Ability to see the big picture
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills
- Commitment to professionalism
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office (i.e., Word, Excel, etc.)
- Facility with web media is a plus (i.e., Constant Contact, Facebook, etc.)
- Access to a car is a plus
- 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 during April and 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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