

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
APPROVED FEBRUARY 2022
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CLASSIFIED
CODE: 2,4

PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST - FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, the Peer Support Specialist will be responsible for working in collaboration with youth who were or are currently in foster care and/or homeless, McKinney-Vento & Foster school district liaisons, local educational agencies, and colleges in order to help youth successfully obtain the educational rights available to them & become connected to post-secondary education.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Establish rapport with foster & homeless school-aged youth to share information about services which may assist them;

assist current and former foster and homeless youth with applying for college, financial aid, obtaining housing, re-enrollment in school and accessing services to meet their basic needs;

deal professionally with issues related to confidentiality and youth records;

develop effective working relationships with agencies and organizations to advocate for current and former foster and homeless youth;

serve as a resource to youth and agency(s) regarding programs and services offered in the community;

attend and participate in special events, workshops, and trainings;

assist in organizing training activities and providing educational materials for youth;

provide a voice of lived experience during development and implementation of trainings;

assist with various initiatives to support the education of youth, including Youth Empowering Success chapters as needed on school campuses;

Perform other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

How to access community resources including government, health, and other community agencies;

educational rights allowed to foster and homeless youth in school;

how to effectively relate to and engage current and former foster and homeless youth;

Ability to:

Demonstrate non-judgmental cultural linguistic sensitivity;

understand and implement oral and written directions given in English;

establish harmonious working relationships with youth and agency personnel;

communicate effectively verbally and in writing;

complete routine forms and maintain accurate records;

utilize effective time management skills;

utilize a computer and associated software.

Experience:

Must have lived experience with homelessness, foster care, and/or child maltreatment; or, been a family member or caregiver of an individual who experienced homelessness, foster care and/or child maltreatment.

Education:

High school diploma or equivalent.

Conditions of employment:

Some positions may require proof of privately owned automobile insurance and possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle operator's license which must be maintained for the duration of the assignment.

Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

Must present verification of completion of Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training or obtain verification within six (6) weeks of hire and annually thereafter, as required by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

This position has a probationary period of six months or 130 days, whichever is longer.

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