



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date of Notice:	July 22 nd , 2024	Closing Date:	When filled
Name of Position:	AmeriCorps CRAY Peer Advocate	Status:	18 hours/week average for at least 1 year
Respond to:	Lindsey Vang- CRAY Manager Pathfinders 4200 North Holton Suite 400 Milwaukee, WI 53202	Contact:	lvang@pathfindersmke.org

Job Purpose and Reporting Structure:

Funded through a grant from the Federal **AmeriCorps** Member Program administered by the State of Wisconsin, **AmeriCorps** members commit to a year of community service averaging 18 hours per week (minimum of 900 hours annually during the grant period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025) and in return receive a living allowance of \$9,900 per year of service, plus an educational award of \$3,697.50 upon successful term completion that can be used for either new advanced education tuition or for re-payment of existing student loans. With potential bonuses awarded throughout with the successful completion of hours, in the amount of \$530. Health insurance is available at no cost for **AmeriCorps** members, and childcare benefits assistance is provided to qualifying **AmeriCorps** members. Extensive pre-service and in-service training opportunities are required and are provided free of charge to participating **AmeriCorps** members throughout Wisconsin.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work with CRAY Program Manger to prepare, facilitate and participate in Youth Advisory Board Meetings
- Support CRAY Program Manager with bi-monthly CRAY Member Meetings and monthly CRAY Responder Meetings
- Support and complete outreach to partners for volunteer recruitment
- Support with organizing, scheduling and completing volunteer interviews
- Update and post to social media
- Listen, validate, and engage youth who have experienced violence and help them develop personal safety plans
- Facilitate and support with regular support groups and connect youth to community resources
- Compile records and prepare reports, including case files and correspondence with youth and other providers involved.
- Participate in program and agency meetings, trainings, and development opportunities, as necessary.
- Other duties may be assigned.

Qualification/Requirements:

- Applicants must be at least 21 years old. Applicant must have a High School degree or its equivalent OR will work to obtain a HS diploma, GED, OR HSED during the term of service AND obtain a HS diploma, GED or HSED prior to using the Education Award AND have not dropped out of elementary or secondary school in order to enroll as an AmeriCorps member.
- Applicants with lived experience are strongly encouraged to apply.
- At least two years related experience working with youth and families is preferred.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Organized, reliable, and able to maintain privileged client information.
Ability to work effectively within a nontraditional setting with a diverse population.
- Must commit to the position for the full year from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. A second full-year term may be available upon successful completion of first-year **AmeriCorps** member service.
- Expected to attend weekly staff meeting on Mondays 10 am – 12 pm.

Send a letter of interest and, if possible a current resume, via mail or email to the address noted above. Applications can be downloaded and agency information obtained at www.pathfindersmke.org.

An Equal Opportunity Organization - Pathfinders is deeply committed to diversity in all that we do. We welcome applications from all individuals including those who mirror the diversity of our youth and the community we serve.