



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date of Notice:	July 16 th , 2024	Closing Date:	When filled
Name of Position:	AmeriCorps New Paths Peer Advocate	Status:	18 hours/week average for at least 1 year
Respond to:	Spring Holz Houston- New Pats Advocate Pathfinders 4200 North Holton Suite 400 Milwaukee, WI 53202	Contact:	sholz-houston@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 (\$412 gross per semimonthly pay check), 3 bonuses of \$530 each throughout the year, plus an educational award of \$3,697 upon successful term completion that can be used for either new advanced education tuition or for re-payment of existing student loans. Health insurance is available at no cost for **AmeriCorps** members, and child care 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 cooperatively with Pathfinders New Paths Program to assist youth ages 11-25 who have experienced sexual violence or exploitation.
- Facilitate group discussions on topics such as personal safety, harm reduction, cultivating healthy relationships, promoting mental wellness, and practicing mindfulness.
- Listen, validate, and assess youth who have experienced violence and help them develop personal safety plans.
- Educate youth on their rights and accompany clients to family court or legal proceedings as requested.
- Facilitate 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.