GENESISTER Ambassador

BCPH Program & Division: GENESISTER Program; Community Health Division
Time Commitment: 6 hours/week; must be available from 3:00-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the Boulder group and from 3:00-6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for the Longmont group; additional events are held throughout the month
Location: Boulder County – currently serving Boulder, Longmont, and Lafayette youth

Program Summary:
GENESISTER is a pregnancy prevention program for the siblings of pregnant and parenting teens. Visit www.BoulderCountyGENESISTER.org for more information.

Description of Work:
Assist GENESISTER staff in the service delivery of science-based, comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention programming to the female siblings and parents of pregnant and/or parenting teens in Boulder County.

Duties and Responsibilities:
- Assist staff with:
  - Preparing and/or ordering supplies and materials for monthly teen and parent groups.
  - Setting up and taking down room accommodations and equipment for group meetings.
  - Preparing reoccurring mailings and other projects, as needed.
  - Organizing occasional field trip events for GENESISTER participants.
- Attend:
  - GENESISTER teen and/or parent monthly group meetings (times vary, but groups are most often held mid-morning, late afternoon, and early evening, including weekends, to meet client needs).
  - GENESISTER staff debriefing/planning meetings, when possible.
  - GENESISTER field trips as an additional adult chaperone, when possible.
- Transport clients in your own vehicle to and/or from GENESISTER events (e.g. groups, case management visits, field trips).

Training and Orientation:
- Receive upfront training from GENESISTER staff on:
  - Mandated reporting and confidentiality requirements.
  - Mailings.
  - Group preparation, including room setup.
  - Transportation requirements and process.
  - Communication and paperwork expectations with staff, youth, and families.
- Receive ongoing training from GENESISTER staff on:
  - Teen pregnancy prevention strategies.
  - Service learning project preparation strategies.

Benefits Gained:
- Certain mileage for all GENESISTER-related transportation will be reimbursed, as designated by Boulder County.
- Excellent opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of young women and their parents.
• Gain valuable experience in science-based, comprehensive sexual health education, positive youth development, and service learning.
• Establish professional ties with community experts and other community and county agencies working in the field.
• Gain an understanding of the role of public health in the community.
• Have a flexible work schedule.
• Opportunity to support women’s rights.
• Become an additional trusted adult and role model for young women.

Supervision:
• Provided by the GENESISTER volunteer supervisor individually and/or as part of a group, which will be determined after volunteer placement.
• The supervision schedule will be determined with the volunteer after placement.

QUALIFICATIONS
Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:
• Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to act in a responsible and professional manner.
• Some experience or background working with positive youth development, youth prevention programming, and/or parent education.
• Ability to understand and maintain confidentiality.
• Ability to understand and adhere to mandated reporting policies and procedures.
• Ability to work with high-risk youth in a nonjudgmental fashion.
• Ability to work with and understand issues facing low-income families.
• Must be organized, flexible, and dependable.
• Ability to work effectively in a team, as well as independently.
• Must be self-directed and motivated after provided with appropriate orientation and resources.
• Must possess high energy, have a positive attitude, and be a supporter of comprehensive sexual health education and women’s rights.

Special Requirements:
• Bilingual (English/Spanish) skills are preferred.
• Must have a reliable personal motor vehicle that is readily available for business use. Must also have minimum liability insurance, as required by the State of Colorado; a valid driver’s license; and a driving record in good standing. The vehicle must have properly functioning front and back seatbelts.
• Must require all passengers in motor vehicles (including driver) to wear seatbelts at all times.
• Must submit immunization history form and immunization documentation. Some immunizations and/or TB tests may be required (at the expense of BCPH), and volunteer must comply with these requirements prior to start date.
• If required, universal precautions and TB training will be provided by the BCPH employee infection control nurse before the volunteer may begin.

HOW TO APPLY:
Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Submit an application online or contact Volunteer Services:
BCPH Volunteer/Intern Services Program
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