



Fostering UNITY

2021-2022

AmeriCorps Position Description

CARE Service Specialist (CSS)

Caregiver Advocacy & Resource Educator

AmeriCorps is a community service program that is funded by the government and participating community partners, which is designed to help communities meet the specified needs in their area by recruiting and training individuals who are willing to devote one to two years serving in selected community projects. Service programs strengthen communities, encourage responsibility, expand opportunities for education, provide service experience, and increase life skills. For more information on AmeriCorps, please visit www.americorps.gov

Fostering UNITY will improve outcomes for children in foster care through child-centered family strengthening programs, enhanced community partnerships, and intentional caregiver support. Fostering UNITY is committed to building better tomorrows for children in out-of-home placements through direct caregiver support and family strengthening. For additional information about Fostering UNITY, please visit <https://fosteringunity.org>

Service Position Summary:

The CARE Service Specialist (CSS) will be a former foster youth, current or past experienced caregiver, adoptive parent, or have prior experience and knowledge about the child welfare system.

Preferred Qualifications:

BA/BS in psychology, sociology, social work or related field
Experienced relative/kinship caregiver

1. Cultivate relationships with caregivers, community organizations and county agencies to improve timely service delivery and communication, agency collaboration, and stakeholder input for the well-being of children in foster care.
2. Prioritize supportive communication, timely responses to service requests and appropriate community resource referrals to improve overall satisfaction and resource family retention.
3. Collaborate with community educators to identify quality parenting resources for on-going strengths-based caregiver skill development.
4. Provide virtual education, training, and support opportunities for caregivers
5. Support all aspects of Fostering UNITY's service delivery model including frequent and consistent social media platform responses, posting, and sharing.

For additional information please contact Dayna Freier, Director of Operations at 213-434-0069 Please submit a cover letter and resume to dayna@fosteringunity.org by 5:00 pm on July 16, 2021 to be considered for these AmeriCorps Member positions.