

## **JOB POSTING: AFTERZONE EVERYDAY EXPLORERS AMERICORPS TEAM MEMBER**

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#### **Providence After School Alliance and AfterZone Site Management Agencies**

#### **Seek Part-Time AmeriCorps Team Members 2012-13**

The Providence After School Alliance (PASA) and a team of Providence's leading youth serving organizations, called Site-Based Management Agencies, are working together to organize, expand and improve a collaborative system of high-quality out-of-school time programs for middle school youth in Providence. The shared goal is to ensure that every youth has access to relationships, experiences and opportunities that contribute to their healthy development and success in school.

The AfterZones are a citywide after-school system for middle school youth arranged as "campuses" of after-school activities in schools and community locations throughout Providence. Responsibility for programming and operations of the AfterZone system is shared by PASA and the AfterZone Site-Based Management Agencies (SMA). For additional information on the AfterZones, PASA and the AfterZone Site Management Agencies, go to [www.mypasa.org](http://www.mypasa.org).

The organizations and school partnerships for which The AfterZone Everyday Explorers AmeriCorps team members are being hired are:

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence** at Roger Williams Middle School -- **John Hope Settlement House** at DelSesto Middle School -- **Providence After School Alliance** at Nathan Bishop Middle School

Everyday Explorers AmeriCorps responsibilities include:

Everyday Explorers AmeriCorps members will serve as frontline specialists in the AfterZones facilitating Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) learning activities and leading youth centered community service projects. In addition, team members will support PASA's expanded learning projects which connect in-school and after-school STEM learning. Team Members report directly to PASA's STEM Coordinator and their respective AfterZone Site Coordinator and work collaboratively with other AfterZone staff and Everyday Explorers.

Under the direction of perspective AfterZone Leadership, responsibilities of Everyday Explorers team members include:

## **Program Implementation**

- Deliver or help to deliver hands-on STEM educational programs during Club AZ
- Assist in the development of curriculum, educational materials, teaching tools and other activities
- Organize and participate in service projects and trainings with other members of the AfterZone Everyday Explorers AmeriCorps team and with the Rhode Island AmeriCorps program

Assist with all aspects of the day to day logistics of running an after school program, including; snack set up and distribution, aiding in the flow of students during transition times, and assisting with day to day logistics

## **Youth development & Retention**

- Work with youth during designated learning time to help them understand math and science concepts and increase their awareness of math and science related careers
- Collaborate with key partners to prepare activities that show the real world applications of math and science.
- Assist with program recruitment and special events

## **Planning & Training**

- Participate in ongoing training and professional development opportunities specifically designed to help members develop skills in providing instruction for students, leading activities, managing groups of youth, and providing meaningful support to middle school youth
- Attend weekly Zone staff planning meetings and bi-monthly AmeriCorps check-in meetings
- Attend monthly professional development
- Participation in recurring observations and debriefings based on state-wide after school program standards

## **Required qualifications**

- Able to function in a professional environment, demonstrating responsibility, creative problem solving and excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills
- Desire to work with middle school youth in a positive youth development atmosphere
- Creativity, patience, a good work ethic, a sense of humor and ability to work both independently and with a team of twenty AmeriCorps members;
- Strong interest and/or experience in STEM education;
- Must be dedicated to fulfilling the AmeriCorps mission of service;
- High energy and ability to work in a fast paced environment
- Experience working with youth
- Must be a United States citizen, United States national or lawful permanent resident of the United States and at least 17 years of age
- Commit to 450 hours of service, approximately 15 hours per week from September 2012 to June 2013.

## **Desired qualifications**

- Proven experience in youth development and community-based programs
- Experience developing and implementing lesson plans
- Knowledge and understanding of middle school level math and science concepts
- Bilingual Spanish/English skills (or other languages)
- Knowledge of Providence and the AfterZone communities

## **AmeriCorps Member Benefits**

- Living Stipend, paid bi-weekly (considered taxable income)
- Education Award (upon completion of 450 hours of service)
- Student Loan Forbearance & paid interest on qualified student loans for term of service

**FBI background check required to work with youth.** The position will start in mid September 2012.

**Please contact Rob Pecchia with any questions regarding this position – [rpecchia@mypasa.org](mailto:rpecchia@mypasa.org) or 401-490-9599x113**

To apply please send resume, cover letter, and two letters of reference to: **Eric Collins at [ecollins@mypasa.org](mailto:ecollins@mypasa.org) or Providence After School Alliance, 140 Broadway, Providence, RI 02903. Fax number is (401) 228-3915. Applications submitted to this address will be shared with the partnering agency listed above for consideration for all sites.**