

# **REQUEST FOR APPLICANTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR FOSTERING FUTURES CASA of the Eastern Panhandle – FULL-TIME**

## **Overview**

To perform planning, program building, and project coordination to grow CASA-EP's work advocating for foster youth between the ages of 13-21, and helping them to address the unique challenges they face transitioning to adulthood.

CASA-EP's new INFLUENCE ADVOCATE MENTOR (IAM) program will utilize National CASA's Fostering Futures curriculum and program components to engage CASA volunteers as advocates for and advisors to youth involved in the child welfare system, with the goal of helping them develop specific transition plans, identify supportive adult connections, and achieve positive outcomes in young adulthood.

Additionally, the program coordinator will help advance existing programs and initiatives, including the Youth Leadership Summit, and develop **new** programming and events to engage young people who are currently or formerly involved in the child welfare system. This will include finding ways to best assist older youth with needs assessments, education and employment planning, housing, life skills, mental/physical health needs and relationships.

The position is a full-time benefits eligible position.

## **As a Fostering Futures Program Coordinator you will...**

1. Successfully complete CASA-EP's volunteer advocate training, including Fostering Futures (35 hours)
2. Provide support to all CASA-EP volunteers assigned to older youth and initiate skill-building and training opportunities
3. Coordinate the development of a Community Youth Resource Guide summarizing local, regional, state-wide and national resources for older youth transitioning into adulthood.
4. Develop programming to connect youth to each other, resources in the community, and advance life skills
5. Network, develop and solidify partnerships with other community-based organizations supporting older youth to leverage resources and avoid duplication of services
6. Promote and organize CASA-EP's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Summit (summer 2022)
7. Continually assess success/challenges of programming, lead change and development efforts, and provide written overviews of program (qualitative and quantitative) for new grants, grant reporting, and awareness building efforts

## About you...

- You have experience in child welfare and/or youth engagement programs
- You're a pro at project management and event coordination
- You are entrepreneurial in spirit and like making new things happen
- You completed a BA or equivalent, and even better you have an MSW or LCSW
- You are a team player, and a strategic and thoughtful communicator
- You are excited to learn new things and support the mission of an organization which works with your community's most vulnerable youth

## What's next...

Send resume and cover letter to [cari@mycasaep.org](mailto:cari@mycasaep.org)

## About CASA...

CASA programs play a critical role in ensuring that children who have experienced abuse or neglect find safe, permanent placements or are reunified with their biological family whenever possible. The work of highly-trained volunteer advocates—appointed by judges to work one-on-one with our most vulnerable children and youth—are needed more than ever as the child welfare and court systems struggle to keep up with the unprecedented numbers of new cases.

CASA-EP's work environment is safe and welcoming to all individuals, respecting the full spectrum of race, color, religious creed, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, ancestry, age, disability, veteran status, and all other identifications.

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