

AMERICORPS POSITION DESCRIPTION

Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER)
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Vehicle Required: yes no
Driver's License Required: yes no
On bus route: yes no
Minutes from downtown Olympia: **POWER is located in downtown Olympia**
Auto Insurance Required: yes no

TITLE: Outreach, Advocacy, and Radio Show Coordinator

HOURS OF SERVICE: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., M – F with occasional evening and weekend hours

JOB DESCRIPTION: As an Americorps member, you will work in partnership with POWER members and other community organizations to educate low-income parents about their rights regarding public benefits and other local resources. You will provide opportunities and skill building workshops for parents toward becoming active in working toward improving their lives and their community's understanding of who is poor and why. This will include working on a radio show that features stories, songs, and poems from the Olympia low-income community.

SITE DESCRIPTION: POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated. We work as a consensus based collective toward this mission. The office is located in Olympia, which is the capitol city of Washington. Olympia has many cultural and recreation activities to offer and a reliable public transportation system.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATED TASKS:

- Weekly outreach to the welfare office, food bank, and other locales.
- Provide legal information and organizing opportunities via POWER's telephone hotline.
- Coordinate skill-building workshops for low-income parents. These include food and childcare.
- Represent POWER at community events, advocates meetings, and a community service project.
- Attend weekly planning meetings.
- Recruit and help train new interns and volunteers.
- Learn audio editing and interview skills to participate in creating a radio show.
- Provide some fundraising support for continued funding of radio show.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Multilingual
- Cultural competency around poverty and anti-oppression issues
- Comfort with and respect of children and parenting