

AMERICORPS POSITION DESCRIPTION

Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER)

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Vehicle Required: yes X no

Driver's License Required: yes

 X no

On bus route: X yes no

Minutes from downtown POWER is

Olympia: located in

downtown

Olympia

Auto Insurance Required: yes X no

TITLE: Advocacy, Outreach, and Project Coordinator

HOURS OF SERVICE: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 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 help coordinate a childcare collective and skill building workshops so that parents have the opportunity to become active in improving their lives and enriching their community. You will help with 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.
- 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.
- Outreach to and network with local organizations to share resources and information.
- Work with community members and parents to develop and sustain a childcare collective.
- Provide some fundraising support for project work.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Multilingual
- Cultural competency around poverty and anti-oppression issues

- Comfort with and respect for children and parenting