

Job Title: Peer Support Coach, Future Focus Program
Reports To: President
Rate of Pay: \$15.00/hr
Prepared Date: 1/2024
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All Aboard for Kids (AAFK) is a Central Iowa-based non-profit organization committed to providing opportunities and resources that support families and individuals living with autism spectrum disorder. Our mission is to promote growth in all areas of development for autistic youth through dynamic and engaging learning experiences. AAFK currently hosts 4 weeks of STEM-based summer programming for autistic children in grades K-12 as well as a workplace readiness program for autistic teens ages 14-young adult. Both programs are located in Ames, Iowa.

RECRUITMENT STATEMENT

We are seeking Peer Support Coaches to serve as role models for Future Focus participants. Be an active, encouraging source of information, feedback, and support to these emerging adults during classroom activities and community learning experiences centered around functional life and pre-employment skills.

Qualified applicants for this role should be energetic, creative problem-solvers with the instincts of a teacher/mentor and a heart for working with autistic youth ages 14-young adult. This is a unique opportunity to have an immediate, positive impact on youth in your community, as well as gain hands-on experience with a growing, local non-profit.

SUMMARY

Peer Support Coaches are integral members of the All Aboard for Kids Team who work closely with the Future Focus Coordinator to foster teamwork and creativity among our program participants. This is a unique opportunity to assist these emerging adults in building independence, strengthening key life skills, and developing important pre-employment job skills.

PROGRAM DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

June-July: On location from 12:45 pm to 3:45 pm M-Th, during program sessions (June 17 - July 18)

- Assist Future Focus Coordinator and other Peer Support Coaches in ensuring a successful learning experience for participants
- Serve as an active peer support role model during all activities, on-site and out in the community
- Work with students in small groups to encourage a positive, open, and supportive team environment
- Stimulate curiosity and build confidence by presenting new ideas, opportunities, and challenges
- Supervise and ensure the safety of program participants during all activities
- Agree to fulfill the terms of the contract of employment

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

- Experience working with the special needs population, specifically autism, highly desirable but not required

WORKER CHARACTERISTICS

- Willingness to be an active, engaged, and involved peer support model during all activities
- Excellent communication skills with an ability to establish rapport with team members and the youth we serve
- Patience, positivity, and a passion for kids is a must
- Successful completion of a standard background check is required

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL FUNCTIONS

- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Ability to go from sitting to standing from the floor

