



AmeriCorps Member University of California, Irvine HABLA Home Visitor Service Description

What is AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a government funded community service program designed to help communities meet the specific needs in their area by recruiting and training individuals who are willing to devote one to two years serving in selected community projects. Service programs strengthen communities, encourage responsibility, expand opportunities for education, provide job experience and increase life skills.

Service Opportunity Program Overview

HABLA offers low-income, low-education families the proven home-based intervention program for 2 to 4 year-old children. The home visitors impart parenting techniques to increase verbal interaction and promote child learning and expressive language. The home visitors also make extensive evaluations throughout the program to assess family behavior and risk factors including children's language skills and the parental style of interaction. This program is based in Santa Ana.

The commitment term is September '02 to July '03 for 1700 hours of service.

Service Specific Duties and Responsibilities

AmeriCorps Members will be trained to:

- Recruit underprivileged children and families to participate in HABLA
- Deliver the HABLA home visitation program to promote school readiness
- Assess and report the outcome of service delivery
- Provide limited support to other health access home visitation programs

Necessary Skills

- Maturity and experience in successfully working with infants and children, and their families
- Love of children and a respect for other people
- Be sufficiently literate to read aloud effectively and to write the 'Home Session Notes' required after every home visit

- Experience in working with culturally diverse communities and families, with the ability to be culturally sensitive and appropriate

Minimum Qualifications

- Our primary need is for HABLA home visitors who are bilingual in Spanish and English (written and verbal); we also anticipate expanding to include visitors who are bilingual Vietnamese and/or Cambodian
- Interest and commitment to community service and education
- Ability to serve families with diverse economic, social, racial and cultural backgrounds
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent
- Background check and finger printing will be required if accepted as an AmeriCorps member.

Benefits

- Up to \$37,800 total value for 11 month/ 1,700 commitment estimated with two children; \$26,800 value if do not have children
- Living allowance stipend of \$9-12/hour
- Medical for individual
- Childcare for children at local reimbursement rate (paid directly to vendor) at approx. \$500/month per child
- Education benefits at the end of service of \$4,750 that can be used toward continued education and/or student school loan repayment
- Current student loan deferment
- Travel reimbursement
- Extensive training and education

More Information

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