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NEW AMERICAN PATHWAYS: HELPING REFUGEES AND GEORGIA THRIVE"

AMERICORPS PROJECT RISE (REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SUCCESS THROUGH EDUCATION) IS AN AMERICORPS PROGRAM THROUGH NEW AMERICAN PATHWAYS.

- AmeriCorps Project RISE focuses on providing educational services to address the significant literacy gap in the refugee community (among both youth and their parents).
- This program will engage a total of 17 full time AmeriCorps members to:
 - assist in the education of refugee children and families
 - strengthen the community we serve by fostering a spirit of volunteerism and responsibility in citizens.



WHY PROJECT RISE?

- There were 70.8 million people who were forcibly displaced worldwide by the end of 2019.
- An average of 37,000 people per day are forced to leave their homes and seek protection elsewhere because of conflict & persecution.
- New American Pathways' vision is to promote safety and stability, self-sufficiency, success, and service for individual refugees and refugee families in Georgia.
- New American Pathways offers distinct programs that focus on jobs, education, cultural integration, individual and female empowerment, building strong families and civic engagement.
- The unique service offered by New American Pathways results in better outcomes for refugees of all ages and at all stages of self-sufficiency, and ensures that these new Americans develop and contribute their special skills and talents. Doing this is strengthening the American workforce and is helping Georgia thrive.
- All member activities include a focus on education and literacy, with most members serving at least one-third of their time in out-of-school tutoring and mentoring programs and two-thirds of their time delivering core program services in specific departments at their assigned locations.



BENEFITS OF FULL TIME SERVICE



1. STIPEND IS \$20,000 PAID TWICE A MONTH FOR 22 PAY PERIODS. (\$1,818 PER MONTH, \$909 EVERY TWO WEEKS, PRETAX.)
2. A FULL-TIME, MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO LEARN NEW SKILLS, TAKE ON MORE RESPONSIBILITY THAN A TYPICAL "FIRST JOB", AND ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY IN INTENSIVE AND EXTENSIVE WAYS.
3. HEALTH INSURANCE, DENTAL, AND VISION FOR FULL TIME MEMBERS.
4. PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS AT THE GEORGIA CENTER FOR NONPROFITS FREE OF CHARGE.
5. LOAN DEFERMENT AND PAYMENT OF INTEREST ACCRUED (AS APPLICABLE).
6. STAFF DEDICATED TO YOU AND YOUR EXPERIENCE.
7. OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE WITH YOUR TEAM DURING SERVICE DAYS AND WITH THE LARGER COMMUNITY.
8. A CHANCE TO DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK SKILLS.
9. THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND LEARN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AND MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES.
10. AN EDUCATION AWARD OF \$6345 FOR FULL-TIME MEMBERS FOR COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, GRADUATE SCHOOL OR TO PAY BACK STUDENT LOANS, UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR TERM OF SERVICE.

Position Descriptions

Seventeen full time members will serve at New American Pathways. All members will spend their afternoons in the afterschool program at a Dekalb County middle or elementary school.

- **Elementary School Program Development Member**

Help create sustainable afterschool curriculum (focused on literacy, character development, and other academic support) to engage elementary-age refugee youth.

- **Middle School Program Development Member**

Develop afterschool activities and curriculum that engage middle school refugee youth in the areas of personal development and growth, life skills, and teen-related issues as well as literacy, math, science, technology, art, music, and community service.

- **English at Home ESL Member**

Match English-speaking volunteers with refugee clients and track clients' progress and engagement in learning. Develop and organize curricula, resources and reference materials for volunteers to provide instruction in English.

- **English at Home Digital Member**

Support clients by helping to bridge the digital gap through workshops, digital training, and English support services.

- **Community Outreach Member**

Organize activities and events to educate the community about refugee issues and raise community awareness about New American Pathways programs. Coordinate all aspects of the agency's group volunteer programs, and co-sponsorship program.

- **Career Advancement Member**

Assess newly arrived clients' educational and vocational strengths, evaluate clients' foreign credentials (and transfer them, if possible), match clients with potential mentors, and conduct resume building and vocational workshops.

- **Family Support Member**

Serves in the School Liaison Department to help lead parent workshops, develop materials for parent engagement activities, and provide services to parents of students in our two afterschool programs.

- **Civic Engagement Member**

Create educational materials around civic engagement. Specific areas of focus include school education initiatives focus on civics curriculum and civic education workshops.

- **Welcome Co-Op Member**

Help the welcome Co-op with apartment setups, in kind donations, and outreach for newly arrived refugee families. Serves in the Shop of Hope assisting newly arrived refugee families to obtain basic clothing items.

- **School Readiness Member**

Assist refugee families with public school registration and referrals to community resources. Facilitate workshops and one-on-one sessions with parents and school educators.

- **Health Services Member**

Create and deliver health literacy workshops to adult clients. Assist clients with referrals to medical services and navigation of the US healthcare system.

- **Preferred Communities Member**

Assist refugee families with navigation of the US healthcare system, referral to health and medical services, and supporting health access.

- **Economic Empowerment Member**

Help create employment-based workshops & assists clients towards the goal of self-sufficiency.

- **Resettlement Education Member**

Create and facilitate workshops for adult clients on topics such as transportation safety, financial literacy, and home management.

- **Women's Empowerment Member**

Coordinate communication, placement, orientation and training for volunteer opportunities with New American Pathways and in the community. Identify potential volunteers by fostering partnerships within the community. Coordinate the recruitment and placement of interns in the agency.

- **Employment Member**

Create educational workshops for adult clients including financial literacy, employment skills training and job placement. Assist with resume, interview skills & job placements.

- **Community Resource Member**

Provides workshops and one-on-one services to refugee families and individuals. Specific areas of focus include information and referral to community resources and workshops to increase clients' knowledge on topics related to health, financial literacy, and cultural adaptation.



Program Requirements



- Full time (40 hours a week)
- 11 month commitment
 - Starting September 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024
- Must complete 1700 hours AND finish the terms of the commitment (all 11 months) to qualify for education award.
- Must submit to a background check upon hire.
- Participate in day/evening/weekend service projects, overnight retreats, and other national service events as required.
- The member needs to be able to drive their own vehicle.
- Upon hire, member must have a current, valid license and have access to a vehicle.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

Apply!

Thank you for your interest in joining this exciting leadership program!

Submit your application!

Submit your completed application, a cover letter that details your interest in the program, and resume & top 3 position choices. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



PLEASE SUBMIT TO:

Attn: Caitlin Barrow

New American Pathways

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Application will be accepted after April 1, 2022

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