

# NH Community Health Corps

## Youth and Family Program Facilitator at Zebra Crossings

### Position Description

AmeriCorps is your moment to take the path less traveled, to break the status quo, to stop talking about the problem and be the solution. AmeriCorps members with Epilepsy Foundation New England (EFNE) will serve for 3 months in a part-time capacity at Zebra Crossings(ZC) in Dover, NH. EFNE and ZC are both dedicated to improving the lives of children and families managing chronic medical conditions and empowering youth to live life to the fullest.

Young people with epilepsy are at high risk for poor socioemotional and health outcomes. The transition to adulthood with an often unpredictable disease that is poorly understood by society can be isolating. 1 in 26 people develop epilepsy in their lifetime. Epilepsy Foundation New England aims to improve the lives of individuals and families impacted by epilepsy and seizures. Epilepsy is a neurological disorder that is characterized by electrical discharges in the brain that cause seizures. It has many faces. Onset can occur in early life to older adulthood. Seizure types range from staring spells to convulsions. Functionality spans from very disabled to very high performing. Together, we can offer those with epilepsy help for today, and hope for tomorrow. JOIN us!

The Program Facilitator will support therapeutic, educational recreation summer camps that enrich the quality of lives of youth with chronic medical conditions including epilepsy. The Program Facilitator will assist with camp programming, participate in all camp activities, observe and enforce all safety rules on land and water, and enhance the social and life skills of participants.

The Foundation's AmeriCorps Youth and Families Services Facilitators will be instrumental:

- Engage campers in a variety of water and outdoor activities
- Support EFNE and ZC program staff in delivering camps
- Participate in required workshops and trainings
- Work with participants to create adaptations and accommodations when needed
- Preparing for each camp
- Provide relevant resources from Epilepsy Foundation New England to parents of participants.
- Be a positive role model and have FUN!

Members will receive high quality training and support from both organizations to facilitate their growth and success.

Epilepsy Foundation New England is staffed by 20 committed, highly qualified and caring people supported by a network of more than 300 volunteers. We welcome the opportunity to engage AmeriCorps members committed to youth and family empowerment in a dynamic nonprofit that is helping young people and families thrive.

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**Responsibilities:***Essential*

- Embody our core values of Play, Achievement, Wellness, Independence, and Community
- Collaborate with Program Coordinator to deliver camp programming
- Engage campers in activities and with each other while participating in all camp activities
- Notify staff of observed needs to have program modified
- Assist with reflections at the end of each day
- Participate and be a source of positive energy
- Participate in swim time as a Designated Observer during and/or engaging campers by swimming with them
- Accompany campers when they depart from the main group (eg. Bathroom trips, search for lost items, or stragglers)
- Create a positive and safe environment; assist in managing morale, behavior, and conflicts
- Monitor health needs of the participants and seek medical support as needed
- Know the safety rules and assist staff with ensuring that participants are following them
- Assist staff in the management of emergency situations according to protocol
- Ask for help, either from other volunteers or Zebra Crossings staff, when needed
- Report any physical, emotional, behavioral concerns pertaining to any participants or staff, to a senior staff member or Program Coordinator
- PLAY and have FUN!
- Outreach to families with resources from Epilepsy Foundation New England
- Support program evaluation activities and reporting
- Participate in EFNE staff and team meetings
- Communicate with EFNE staff using Trello, Outlook E-mail, Calendar, and Microsoft Teams

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- Maintain records for optimal operating effectiveness using Salesforce.
- Use social media for youth and volunteer engagement.

**Qualifications:***Required*

- Legal authorization to work in the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- Experience with or interest in volunteerism and community engagement
- Previous experience working with youth
- Positive and energetic
- Willing to try all camp activities
- Comfortable being outdoors
- Attend one-day training (date TBD)

*Preferred*

- Demonstrable commitment to people with chronic medical conditions including epilepsy
- Experience as a volunteer (in any capacity).

**Member Benefits:** Living Allowance of up to \$4500 (minus taxes/withholding), Training, Education Award of \$1311.11 for members who complete a minimum of 300 hours. Car recommended (travel reimbursed at federal mileage reimbursement rate), Permits working at another job during off hours, Permits attendance at school during off hours.

**Service Areas:** Youth, Community Outreach, Education

**Skills:** Leadership, Recruitment, General Skills, Teamwork, Communications, Education, Public Speaking, Community Organization, Youth Development, Teaching, Mentoring

Member Benefits:

**Term of Service:**

Position Start Date June 15, 2020

Service commitment will average 30 hours per week during the following days/times: There are 2 weeks of day camp, typically 8:15am-4:45pm. One week of residential camp. Two weeks with weekend camps. There are 4 weeks without camp that will average 9-20 hrs/wk.

**Application Instructions:**

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, AND AmeriCorps application form by March 15, 2020 to Kate Bailey, NH Field Service Manager at [kbailey@epilepsynewengland.org](mailto:kbailey@epilepsynewengland.org). Applications will be reviewed and assessed on a rolling basis and the position will be open until filled. We urge you to apply as soon as possible. In your cover letter, please be sure to explain your interest in the mission of Epilepsy Foundation New England, which region of NH you are interested in serving, and any experience you have working or volunteering with at-risk youth and/or people with disabilities. Questions, please call Kate at 603.303.1247.

Accepted members will be required to undergo a criminal offender and sexual offender background check.

*Epilepsy Foundation New England will recruit and select persons in all positions to ensure a diverse and inclusive climate without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, color, political affiliation, creed, national origin, marital status, or any other status as protected by federal, state, and local laws. Epilepsy Foundation New England welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities and will make reasonable accommodations for interviews and for service upon request.*