



## **MY Project USA Employment Opportunity 2022 Youth Counselor**

MY Project USA seeks professionals from diverse backgrounds, with a particular interest in those whose experiences match those of the people we serve in Columbus, Ohio, and surrounding communities.

MYPUSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer, drug free workplace, and complies with ADA regulations as applicable.

**ROLE DESCRIPTION** MY Project USA is looking for a compassionate and mature youth counselor to serve youth in our community through mentorship and finding resources they may need. The youth counselor is responsible for helping children gain access to the services they need while allowing them to feel safe and supported. The majority of youth that MYPUSA works with come from immigrant and refugee backgrounds as well as from underserved communities of color.

### **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Providing responsible and helpful advice.
- Making yourself available to the youth whenever they are in need.
- Providing a reliable presence in the life of youth who may feel otherwise abandoned.
- Educating youth about social issues like substance abuse and domestic violence.
- Providing mental health support for youth suffering from trauma, depression and other mental health issues.
- Motivating youth to achieve academically and/or extra-murally.
- Contacting the authorities if you suspect that the youth is at risk in their home.

### **PRIOR EXPERIENCE & COMPETENCE**

- Comfortable working in a fast-paced environment with shifting priorities
- Experience of and sensitivity to issues prevalent in refugee, immigrant and underserved communities
- Experience with at-risk youth (either personally or professionally) is an advantage.
- A passion for helping children to succeed.
- No prior criminal offenses.
- Previous experience in demonstrating sound judgement when appropriate authorities need to be contacted.

### **PERSONAL SKILLS**

- A calm and reassuring demeanor.
- Ability to offer good advice in difficult circumstances.
- Must possess strong organizational skills
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written, detailed orientated
- Consistent passion & drive for leadership and youth engagement



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### **EDUCATION**

A degree in child psychology or a similar field is preferred.

### **WORK DEMANDS**

- This position is a full time with benefits opportunity, in office; part time / flexible working arrangements will also be considered for the right candidate
- Must be able to work flexible hours based on the needs of the program, including but not limited to night and weekends; Preference will be given to candidates that can commit to a 12 pm – 8pm shift a minimum of three times per week
- Ability to perform physical activity that may be required during an in-person training or team building setting

### **SALARY**

\$35,000 - \$45,000 per year full time