

Alliance CaRES Community Connectors RFQ

Background

Applicant Criteria

- Current licensed WA state caregiver
 - No open allegations with a license in good standing
 - Certificate of completion for CCT (Can be completed post-hiring)
- 2 or more years of experience as a foster caregiver
- Connected to their community
- Enjoys in-person outreach
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Positive, solution-oriented, and a willing DCYF partner

General Scope of Work

- Work up to 10 hours a month on a flexible schedule (more commonly 2-3 hours a month)
- Facilitate in-person connections with caregivers
 - Work with the CaRES Community Engagement Coordinator to plan and maintain local groups
 - These connections could include, but are not limited to support groups, park play dates and/or coffee meet ups.
 - Connect caregivers with their CaRES Mentor or staff for resources and supports (when needed).
- Foster a collaborative effort between local foster care supports and the Alliance CaRES program.
 - Attend in-person events and share information about the CaRES program. Events include but are not limited to tabling at DCYF and other agency events, attending foster parent appreciation events and other engagement activities.
 - Share information between organizations
 - Make introductions or connections when appropriate

Alliance CaRES will:

- Provide guidance and support for community engagement
- Coordinate with Community Connectors to determine needed group structure, including location, date, time, and childcare support.
- Provide advertising of the event to include constant contact emails, and social media.
- Coordination of attendance at local events like park play dates, back to school events and caregiver appreciation events.
- Ensure Connectors have all necessary resources/snacks/swag to hand out at events.
- Hold meetings and trainings to ensure the Connectors are in compliance with the contract.

Contract Rate:

- \$20-25/hour for up to 10 hours per month

Please Submit

- A copy of your current foster care license & CCT certificate (or CCT progress)
- 2 references (related to your local foster care community connections)
- Completed criteria checklist
- Return documents to Dawn Lake, Senior Contracts Manager dawnlake@uw.edu and Shana Burres srburres@uw.edu

Period of Service

The initial term of this Agreement shall be for two (2) year commencing on date of execution and expiring on June 20, 2024. UW at its discretion, may extend for additional 2-year terms.

Alliance CaRES Community Connector

Criteria Checklist

- I am a currently licensed foster home in the state of Washington
- I have _____ years of foster experience
- I am involved in the local fostering community
 - including but not limited to positive relationships with DCYF staff, 1624 representative, non-profit groups, and informal caregiver networks
- I can be a positive, solution-oriented, and willing DCYF partner in my support of foster caregivers
- I enjoy in-person outreach and making connections between caregivers and supports like the CaRES program

Signed _____

Date _____