



Alliance CaRES Community Connector RFQ

Applicant Criteria

- Deep familiarity with the dependency system through lived and/or professional experience
- Two or more years of experience as a caregiver or from working with families raising children/youth experiencing out of home care
- Enjoy community outreach
- Exhibit strong interpersonal skills
- Demonstrate a solution-oriented approach to challenges
- Serve as positive partner to DCYF
- Have connections within local community
- Applicants who are or were licensed caregivers in the state of Washington will show that their license was held in good standing with the state

General Scope of Work

- Work between 5 and 20 hours/month on a flexible schedule based on your availability
- Facilitate supportive connections with relative, kinship, and foster families by:
 - Working with the CaRES Community Engagement Coordinator to plan, host, and sustain culturally relevant community groups. These groups include, but are not limited to support groups, meet ups at community locations, and outings with free admission.
 - Connecting caregivers to local resources, Alliance CaRES training and groups, and/or a CaRES Mentor for ongoing and individual support.
- Utilize standing relationships and/or build new community relationships to provide resources and opportunities for caregivers during Alliance CaRES groups. This could be scheduling volunteers for childcare, securing donations for meals, partnering with a local business to provide free admission, etc.
- Maintain a minimum of twice monthly contacts with CaRES Community Engagement Coordinator and attend bimonthly team meeting (virtual).



Alliance CaRES will:

- Provide regular guidance and support to Community Connector through individual contacts, team meetings and training.
- Assist the Community Connector in developing group structure and frequency.
- Promote community groups/events utilizing Constant Contact email and by posting to social media.
- Provide Community Connector with tangible goods for distribution to caregivers

Contract Rate:

- \$25.50/hr. up to 20hrs/month

Period of Service

The initial term of this Agreement shall be for two (2) year commencing on date of execution and expiring on June 30, 2026. UW School of Social Work, at its discretion, may extend it for an additional 2-year term.

Please Submit:

- RFQ Cover Sheet
- Three references (minimum of two that know you from your foster care connections.)
- Copy of Washington foster care license (if applicable)
- Email documents to Dawn Lake, Senior Contracts Manager, dawnlake@uw.edu and alliancecares@uw.edu



Alliance CaRES Community Connector RFQ Cover Sheet

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Are you currently a licensed kinship caregiver or community foster parent? Y/N

Have you ever been licensed as a foster parent in Washington state? Y/N

Describe your connection to the fostering community

How many years have you had this connection? _____

Please provide three references, a minimum of two who know you in the context of your connection to the fostering community.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____