



# Soccer for Success

## Program Assistant Description (AmeriCorps)

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*Soccer for Success* is the U.S. Soccer Foundation's innovative youth development program that uses soccer as a tool to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children in under-resourced urban communities. The program operates for 90 minutes after-school, three days a week, at twelve low-income elementary schools in South Seattle. Participants receive free, quality soccer programming that includes lessons on nutrition and the importance of being active. *Soccer for Success* is committed to addressing the holistic needs of under-served children and using sport for social change.

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### JOB SUMMARY

The Program Assistant will assist in program operations with the goal of positively impacting the health and wellbeing of our participants and developing a state-wide community based around active lifestyles and holistic health. Responsibilities are centered around deepening *Soccer for Success*' impact and include outreach to local community and service organizations, volunteer recruitment, and interacting with participants and coaching staff at program sites. This position is a volunteer opportunity with a stipend of \$1,155/month.

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### ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

1. Outreach to local community organizations, service organizations, and schools to bring relevant health and social service information to participants and families.
  2. Creation of the Nutrition Curriculum Guide, a compilation of nutritional information and teaching tools that will be used to train coaches and increase our community impact. The Guide will include sections on the importance of being healthy and eating well, physical and mental health risks associated with poor nutrition and lack of exercise, creative ideas including recipes for eating healthy on a budget, and socially and culturally responsible ways to teach nutrition.
  3. Recruit and train volunteers to provide coaching and nutritional teaching assistance.
  4. Plan Community & Family Events that focus on healthy habits, behaviors and holistic health. Assist in facilitating said Community & Family Events.
  5. Create survey measures to evaluate Family & Engagement Event success.
  6. Visit program sites to observe and assist coaches as needed to lower the coach:child ration and improve the quality of instruction for the children.
  7. Assist with equipment distribution.
  8. Assist with the collection and reporting of attendance data to ensure reporting compliance.
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### RELATIONSHIPS

Reports to Washington Youth Soccer Community & Outreach Program Manager  
Works in partnership with school and community partners

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### QUALIFICATIONS

#### Education and Experience

Graduation from high school or equivalent. A BA/BS degree is preferred but not required.  
Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of poverty related issues (through personal, work, and/or academic experiences)  
Ability to work with a variety of people in a multi-cultural, diverse socio-economic setting



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Ability to develop concepts such teamwork, healthy lifestyles, sportsmanship and nutrition  
Ability to maintain professional relationships with School and Community Partners  
Ability to adapt to changing circumstances  
Ability to manage time effectively  
Knowledge and proficiency with Microsoft products including Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint are preferred but not required.  
Knowledge of soccer preferred.  
Knowledge of youth development preferred.

#### Desired Qualities

Driven; Detail oriented; Excellent communication skills

#### Licenses/Special Requirements

Must be able to pass the Washington Youth Soccer Risk Management Assessment and Federal Background Check.

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#### STIPEND

The Program Assistant will volunteer 1700 hours over 10.5 months and will receive \$1,155/month as a living stipend. Upon completion of the 1700 hours the Program Assistant will receive a \$5,550 education award. Health insurance is available. Childcare is available to those who qualify.

In addition the Program Assistant will receive training and professional development opportunities, both through AmeriCorps and Washington Youth Soccer.

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#### TO APPLY

To apply, complete the [Application Form](#). Please include a cover letter, indicating your interest in working with the *Soccer for Success* program.