



Research and Evaluation Associate

Be a bridge to opportunities - join PUENTE in creating a brighter future for low-income families by disrupting inequity and injustice with the transformative power of high-quality education.

Position Description

This position is a one to three year joint project between AmeriCorps and PUENTE Learning Center. We are seeking candidates who are committed and passionate about doing good in an underserved community. This AmeriCorps VISTA member will **build PUENTE's organizational capacity in the** area of Research and Evaluation, reviewing each service **program's progress and** evaluation methods. To accomplish this goal, this VISTA will engage in reviewing all PUENTE program service models and a select number of peer organizations and institutions; develop, improve and conduct surveys and focus groups to identify gaps in services and resources in the community; and contribute to the continued development of PUENTE Charter Elementary School and PUENTE's College and Career Program.

Responsibilities

- Review program service models across all program areas (Children, Youth, Adults, Community).
- Develop a strategy for teams to use in program improvement or expansion with priority to PUENTE Charter Elementary School and **PUENTE's College and Career Program.**
- Review peer community educational institutions and organizations and compile a list of best methods of program evaluation.
- Conduct surveys and focus groups to identify gaps in services at PUENTE and under-utilized resources in the community in support of the planning and implementation of the PUENTE Charter Elementary School Community School model **and the expansion of PUENTE's College and Career Program.**
- Document all activities and findings.
- Develop training presentations on findings to be delivered to Leadership Team.



Why PUENTE?

PUENTE Learning Center is located in the historic immigrant community of Boyle Heights in Los Angeles. Our 37-year presence in this neighborhood, and our multi-generational approach to educating the whole family has helped over 120,000 community members. We believe access to an excellent education is the gateway to opportunity and strive to deliver the highest quality education for student achievement through innovation and continuous self-improvement in our teaching and service delivery. We believe that schools, families, and community members are essential to quality education and student success and that education should prioritize the needs of underserved students to foster equity for those most impacted by systemic racial and economic injustice. If this resonates with what you are looking for we invite you to apply!

We want collaborative, pro-active, motivated, and positive people to join our team.

Why AmeriCorps?

This is a full-time position with a biweekly stipend amount of \$1,117.06 or \$29,043.56 annual wage effective July 2, 2023. With AmeriCorps, one year of service qualifies you for an education award of \$6,895.00 or a cash stipend of \$1,800.00. Additional benefits include 10 paid medical and 10 paid personal days.

Members may be eligible for student loan forbearance and child care assistance during the year of service and receive non-competitive eligibility when applying for a federal job after one year of service. The many professional development opportunities offered will help members grow into a future career.

Eligibility

College Degree
US citizens or legal residents
Clearance of a background check
Bilingual (Spanish) preferred

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