



Position Announcement

AmeriCorps Member

Background: Maryland CASA Association is a private non-profit organization founded in 1997 to ensure all victims of child abuse and neglect in the state their right to safe, permanent homes. This mission is accomplished by supporting the development and growth of Maryland's 15 local Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs. CASA programs recruit and train volunteers who are appointed by the court to serve as advocates for children who are under the court's protection as a result of abuse and neglect. The goal of Maryland CASA's AmeriCorps program is to build our capacity to serve more of the state's victims of abuse and neglect through the recruitment and training of additional volunteers, development of new CASA programs and expansion of existing programs.

AmeriCorps Member Responsibilities: AmeriCorps members complete a 12 month service period at selected CASA programs serving as AmeriCorps Service Sites. Their primary responsibility is to build CASA's volunteer capacity to serve more children, with the expectation that this increased capacity can be sustained after the service period ends. Members may also spend some of their time performing direct service. Some examples of activities include:

- recruiting, screening, training, and supervising volunteers;
- planning training, public awareness and volunteer recognition events and activities;
- reviewing and monitoring children's cases;
- developing community partnerships; and
- evaluating program results.

Training and Benefits: Maryland CASA provides pre-service training for members as well as monthly training days during the year, which covers program development, marketing, and evaluation; volunteer management; and leadership development. Other benefits include valuable networking opportunities, being part of a dedicated team of AmeriCorps members, and making a real difference in the community.

Full-time AmeriCorps Members receive a living allowance of \$11,400, a post-service educational benefit of \$4,725, and health insurance if they are not already covered. They may also qualify for a child care allowance. Part-time opportunities may also be available.

Qualifications: AmeriCorps members must possess and demonstrate excellence in the following areas: verbal and written communication, computer skills, problem solving and conflict resolution, leadership, public speaking, and commitment to national and community service. In addition, proof of U.S. citizenship, age (at least 17 years old*), and high school graduation are required in order to enroll in AmeriCorps. Additional qualifications are required of members who perform direct service with children and/or supervise CASA volunteers. **Volunteers providing direct service or supervising CASA volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.*

Start Date: September 2010

Deadline: Applications should be submitted by **Friday, August 13, 2010** but we will continue to accept applications until all positions are filled

To Apply: Call 410-828-6761 (toll-free 888-833-2272) or email farajii@marylandcasa.org.

You may also visit our web site at www.marylandcasa.org to download an application packet.