

Volunteer and Intern Positions Available for the African Community Center

Job mentors: to help immigrants, refugees and other ECDC clients to find jobs. These will include Ethiopians in Arlington, as well as newcomers from other countries who have recently been resettled in the D.C and Montgomery County areas. The mentor would be paired with a refugee in the same or related profession. He/she would then help the client identify companies to approach, assist in perfecting a strong resume and cover letters, coach on interview skills, and generally provide assistance and encouragement. Training provided.

Employment Resources Developers: to find and post/record employment opportunities, approach potential employers and develop a current job bank, and assist clients in filling out applications on line. Training provided

Refugee and Newcomer Resettlement Volunteers: to assist newly-arrived refugees and immigrants with their initial adjustment to American life. Volunteers would help locate housing and find furnishings and necessary household goods to set up a home for a new family; provide transportation and accompany clients to appointments, as needed; and help with access to English classes, shopping, medical clinics, etc. Volunteers can also help set up a network of sponsoring individuals, organizations, houses of worship, or other agencies to “adopt” newcomer families. Training provided

Peer Educators: to locate underserved African newcomer groups (female, or mixed, ages 18-64) in churches, ethnic social clubs, or businesses in Washington DC wards for trainings on breast, colon and cervical cancer. Participants at the trainings may be eligible for free mammograms and other screenings. Incentives are provided to peer educators and attendees, and to those who are eligible for screenings. Training provided.

Class Assistants and Outreach Specialists: to help our Family Enrichment Specialist with Life Skills training program for African immigrant children in Northern Virginia. Volunteer would also help locate and set up classes in community centers, or as part of other summer programs or day camps.

Language skills a plus. For more information email:
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