LISC Americorps Position  
NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley (WNDC)

Job Title:  LISC AmeriCorps Community Organizer, Full Time  
Compensation:  $18,000 annual living stipend, $4725 educational award, health benefits, professional development opportunities

How to Apply:  
Send resume, cover letter and sample lesson, activity or event plan to  
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Or email to mmorisseau@wndc.org

Applications must be received by Friday, July 20th, 5:00 pm.  
Start Date will be September 1, 2008. Year of service ends August 31, 2009.

Background Information:  
NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley (NBRV), a non profit community development corporation, is seeking a LISC AmeriCorps Community Organizer to work in the Community Building and Organizing Department. This department is responsible for coordinating an after school and summer youth program for children living in NBRV housing, running a college access program for high school students, partnering with local organizations and the Woonsocket school district to provide equal access to higher education, advocating for affordable housing in Northern Rhode Island, and fostering community engagement.

Job Responsibilities:  
The LISC AmeriCorps Community Organizer will be responsible for assisting the Department in the following capacities:
- -  Researching and investigating youth activities and programs, and implementing successful ideas.
- -  Assisting the after school and summer teaching staff in meeting program goals and achieving success measures detailed in the program work plan.
- -  Assisting NBRV’s Neighborhood live in Artist program (Artist-in-Residence) and other community arts initiatives.
- -  Publicizing, recruiting, and implementing events, programs and activities.
- -  Continue building the partnership with the Woonsocket Police Department.
- -  Representing NBRV and our programs at community meetings and information sessions.
- -  Continuously recruiting and engaging over 100 youth residing within NBRV housing in the after school and summer programs.
- -  Updating data on the youth in the program, tracking their attendance, behavior and grades.
- -  Referring youth and their families to partnering community organizations for services needed and track their progress through resolving youth and family issues.
- -  Organizing neighborhood festivals, celebrations and events to bring people together in positive ways, to strengthen the community, and to develop resident leadership, including, but not limited to, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, the Youth RAP talent show, NeighborWorks Week and the Back to School Bash.
- -  Recruiting and managing volunteers to work within the Community Building and Organizing Department.
- -  Participating in LISC AmeriCorps meetings and professional development trainings.
- -  Recruiting and managing the NBRV summer internship program.

Required Skills, Experience and Background:  
Qualified applicants will possess the following attributes:
- Excellent written and research skills.
- Effective communication skills and the ability to present oneself professionally.
- Computer skills, especially facility with word processing, database and spreadsheet applications.
- Experience with event planning and publicizing, including making flyers and newsletters.
- Ability to take initiative and proactively approach challenges.
- Disciplined at planning projects and meeting deadlines.
- Ability to work in a team.
- Creative problem solving skills.
- Persistence and creativity in engaging residents in activities and programs.
- Experience working with youth, especially ages 6-18.
- Knowledge of affordable housing, resident, and youth services.
- Demonstrate flexibility and adaptability to constantly changing situations.
- Effective management skills.