Job Description

Title: Outreach Specialist
Status: Part-Time, Regular
Division: Recreation & Community Services
Job Grade: 8

Position Summary:
Under general supervision, the Outreach Specialist develops prevention programming, and provides crisis intervention, community social service referrals, and leisure counseling for the teen population in accordance with District policies and procedures.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities:
- Assist youth population in utilizing coping mechanisms in crisis situations
- Redirect youth into socially constructive lifestyles through employment, education, and recreation
- Assist youth in recognizing the consequences of their decisions
- Provide counseling and referral services to prevent youth’s involvement in the justice system
- Frequent local commercial complexes, parks, and various community hot spots to interact and maintain positive contacts with store vendors, the teen population, and gang affiliated individuals
- Develop volunteer and employment opportunities and referrals for at-risk youth
- Serve on community task forces dealing with at-risk youth in the community
- Confer with community groups and schools to formalize program ideas and promote participation
- Conduct youth-related trainings for District staff as well as community development workshops
- Prepare and maintain a variety of records and reports
- Transport participants to events
- Performs related duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, and/or ability required:

Education and Experience:
Minimum age of 18 years old with an Associate Degree (AA). At least 2,000 hours of relevant work or volunteer experience. Bachelor’s Degree in social work or a related field preferred.

Certificates and Licenses:
- Adult and Pediatric First Aid & CPR/AED within 90 days of hire
- CA Driver’s License and Proof of Insurance
**Additional Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

Ability to communicate effectively in English in both written and oral form. Ability to write routine correspondence using correct spelling and grammar. Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. Ability to apply common sense and exercise good judgement in solving problems. Ability to establish effective relationships with fellow employees, volunteers, and participants and/or parents/guardians.

**Fingerprint-Based Background Check:**

All recreation employees are required to obtain fingerprint-based background clearance at both the State (DOJ) and Federal (FBI) levels prior to their first day of employment.

**Supervisory Responsibilities:**

The employee may provide guidance or direction to other part-time employees and to volunteers.

**Work Environment:**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job:

- The noise level in the environment is moderate to loud. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to outdoor weather conditions, including wet or humid conditions. The employee may occasionally be exposed to moving mechanical parts; high, precarious places; potentially hazardous chemicals or airborne particles; or risk of electrical shock. Exposure to hazardous conditions may vary according to Unit assignment.

**Physical Demands:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that should be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential duties* of this job:

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit, stand, or walk; use hands or fingers to touch, handle, or feel; use hands and arms to reach; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear; and taste or smell. Vision requirements include close, distance, color, and peripheral vision; depth perception; the ability to adjust focus; and the ability to see well in poor lighting or at night. The employee is regularly required to lift up to 10 pounds, frequently required to lift up to 25 pounds, and occasionally required to lift up to 50 pounds. Physical demands may vary according to Unit assignment.

*Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

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Pursuant to California Government Code § 3100, all public employees are required to serve as disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their supervisors or by law.