



Title: Lewis/Mason/Thurston - Community Outreach Volunteer, Family Education and Support Services

Number of Volunteer Positions: 1

Length of Commitment: Ongoing

Hours: 0-12 hours per week, depending on community event schedule

AmeriCorps Senior RSVP Program:

Since 1971, AmeriCorps Seniors Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), one of the largest volunteer efforts in the nation for people 55 and over, has matched older adults who are willing to help with local organizations on the front lines of meeting community needs. United Way hosts the AmeriCorps Senior RSVP program for Lewis, Mason, and Thurston County with projects focusing on education, health, and employment. Volunteer benefits include ongoing support from United Way staff in their roles, free supplemental health insurance, mileage reimbursement, and volunteer appreciation events.

Website: <https://www.unitedway-thurston.org/RSVP>

Family Education and Support Services:

Family Education and Support Services (FESS) is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring healthy child development by providing quality training and support services. FESS programs include parenting classes like the Impacts of Domestic Violence on Children and QPR Suicide Prevention Training, case-management and parent ally programs including the Parent and Child Assistance Program (PCAP) and Parent for Parent (P4P), and direct assistance services through the Basic Needs Navigator.

Website: <https://familyess.org/>

Position Description:

If you enjoy meeting new people, going to local events, and sharing information that you are passionate about, FESS is looking for AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP to help with our community outreach efforts. This role would be to represent FESS at community events and resource fairs throughout Lewis, Mason, and Thurston County, referring families in need to our programs, promoting our trainings, and raising awareness of child development and family issues.

Responsibilities:*Position Specific*

- Receive training on FESS's mission, programs, and community impact.
- Help with the set up and break down of the FESS event booth.
- Engage with families and share information about FESS and encourage them to pick up promotional materials, distribute donated items and children's toys, or otherwise interact with the FESS's event booth.
- Track material and giveaway distribution and report on the effectiveness of the event.

FESS Values

- Demonstrate professionalism, positive communication, cooperation, and self-care and wellness.
- Encourage, support, and honor efforts for diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Culturally competent in working with diverse populations.
- Willing to pursue growth through on-going training.

Required Qualifications:

- Must be outgoing and engaging with community members
- Must be able to lift 20 lbs.
- Must have a driver's license and a reliable vehicle

Desired Qualifications:

- Previous participation in FESS programs and events
- Knowledgeable about child development and family issues
- Familiar with Microsoft Word and Zoom