



**March 2017**

**Job Title** Community Educator & Peer Supporter Assistant Youth Staff

**Company** Muslim Community Link, Inc.

**Position Location** Worcester, Massachusetts

### **Muslim Community Link, Inc.**

The Mission of Muslim Community Link (MCL) is to foster positive interactions and advance community integration by providing quality educational, wellness and referral services for all members, inclusive of the most marginalized within the Muslim Community.

Our Vision is a community in which all members are receiving necessary support, have a sense of belonging, and have achieved or are empowered to achieve physical, mental, and social wellness. Two of the ways we seek to do this is through our Referral & Support Services and our Educational Services in mental health.

We are seeking an organized & supportive individual to assist us in making our vision a reality. Our referral & support services empower community members to access needed resources and services to achieve a life of wellness and belonging. Our educational services provides mental health educational programming to raise awareness about societal problems that prevent us from belonging, and development programs that support individuals to take charge of their lives to achieve a life of wellness. The Community Educator & Peer Supporter Assistant Youth Staff will collaborate with and take direction from the Referral & Support Services Coordinator to support and advise individuals and families in regards to housing challenges, fuel assistance, translating/interpreting, government assistance, peer support, & counseling referrals. This staff will receive training on how to support families and individuals by using empowerment models, like peer support, to help develop families' and individuals' sense of self sufficiency. We will provide training on the resources in the community, making referrals to agencies, and how to interact with families. This staff will also conduct mental health educational trainings for families and for the other youth we work with and employ. Train-the-trainer workshops on peer support and mental health will be provided for this staff.

### **Job Description Purpose:**

The Community Educator & Peer Supporter Assistant Youth Staff will:

- Work collaboratively with Referral and Support Coordinator and Executive Director to discuss family & peer needs and how MCL can assist with their needs
- Develop rapport with families & peers
- Attend trainings to help implement tools & tactics to help improve lives of peers
- Work collaboratively with community resources
- Work with families & peers to achieve positive progress towards stability and wellness in their lives and monitor and report progress to team
- Conduct mental health trainings for families & for youth we work with & employ
- Conduct mental health trainings & workshops for small community groups



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**Responsibilities include:**

- Meet with families or peer several hours a week to assist with their needs either in person or over the phone
- Communicate with referral and support coordinator on a weekly basis in regards to how their peer(s) or family is/are doing & attend regular meetings to discuss
- Complete weekly summary progress reports on families' and/or peers' well-being
- Give mental health presentations & guide workshops for peers & larger community
- Determine how MCL can better support youth we have worked with in the past and currently work with and/or employ

**Minimum Requirements:**

- English Speaker – additional languages would be beneficial
- Strong interpersonal skills with ability to work with people of different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Desire to learn new skills and knowledge regarding mental health support
- Ability to write and communicate effectively
- Willingness to reach out to community resources & take initiative in assisting families & individuals
- A passion for social service, family support, & mental health support
- An ability to work with a team
- Ability or willingness to learn to deliver effective training & workshop presentations
- Possesses skills for organizing youth & community members
- Ability to arrange for your own reliable transportation to and from work

**Desired Requirements:**

- Demonstrated ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with others on projects
- Demonstrated leadership and initiative
- Prior experience with mental health support and social service related volunteering, work experience, or course of study (therapy, counseling, etc.)
- Have a car or truck

**See The Rewards:**

Our Community Educator & Peer Supporter Assistant Youth Staff will gain the training and skills to be a peer to peer advocate for people in the community who need additional guidance.

Muslim Community Link, Inc. is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and is a drug-free workplace.