Program: Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Corps
Position: Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor
Reports to: Interact For Health and Mental Health America
Application Deadline: June 5th, 2015 by 5pm

**YMHFA Corps Program Mission:** Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) is a public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help a youth in crisis or experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge.

Through a grant from Interact For Health, Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky & Southwest Ohio has created a Regional Mental Health First Aid Hub. The Hub is a centralized coordination entity that supports the planning development, implementation, and sustainably of MHFA training across the tri-state region. The goal of the Hub is to raise the awareness of mental health and reduce the stigma of mental health disorders and substance use disorders, by certifying regional citizens in MHFA. The AmeriCorps Member chosen for this role will work primarily with the Hub coordinator, Lucy Gillespie, who is employed by Mental Health America.

**Purpose of Position:** AmeriCorps Members will serve as Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructors, certified to teach the 8-hour Youth MHFA-USA course to members of the public.

**Responsibilities include:**
- Participate in five day Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Course (TBD)
- Disseminate YMHFA in communities through organizations such as schools, law enforcement, foster care agencies
- Outreach to local community for course participants, as well as recruit and engage community partners
- Market program through press releases, social media and informational sessions
- Track each participant certified through follow up evaluations
- Submit these evaluations as directed to MHFA-USA nationally and NWCTAHEC
- Enroll in the Mental Health First Aid USA Listserv
- List courses on the National Public “Mental Health First Aid In Your Community” Map: Advertise courses and let the public know you are authorized to provide the program.
- Establish and foster relationships with community mental health agencies as partners and resources
- Serve as a resource to YMHFA course participants on an ongoing basis
- Respect the privacy of course participants, colleagues and others, including the responsibility to protect personal information
- Advocate for Mental Health First Aid by promoting the principles whenever possible
- Grant writing to support YMHFA Corps activities
- Participate in AmeriCorps large service project
- Participate in monthly calls held nationally by NWCTAHEC
- Assist host site with ongoing community initiatives and regional events
Experience Preferred:
- Personal and/or professional knowledge of mental health topics
- Strong teaching and/or training skills and experience, especially with adult learners
- Understanding of mental health issues and resources
- Skills and experience facilitating diverse groups and creating/maintaining a positive, effective learning environment
- Knowledge about mental health resources in her/his community and state
- Positive attitudes towards individuals with mental illnesses
- Enthusiasm for reducing the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness and addiction disorders

Details and Benefits include:
- Complete a 10 month commitment, specific dates will be determined by the host site coordinator*
- Full-time AmeriCorps position - 1700 service hours – 40 hours per week, 5 holidays, 2.5 personal days
- AmeriCorps members receive a $12,530 stipend for their service – paid biweekly = 22 checks
- $5,730 Education Award upon completion of service commitment (1700 service hours)
- Bachelor’s Degree Required

*Term of service is limited to a maximum of 12 months with approval by Northwestern CT AHEC.

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