



Job Description

Network Representative - King County Homelessness

Job Title:	Network Representative – King County Homelessness	Status:	Regular Part-Time, 15-25 hrs/wk
Reports To:	Public Policy Manager	Salary:	\$16.00/hour
Program:	Public Policy & Advocacy	Classification:	Non-Exempt

The Mockingbird Society is a non-partisan advocacy organization focused on transforming foster care and ending youth homelessness. We do this by creating, supporting, and advocating for racially equitable, healthy environments that develop youth and young adults at risk of or experiencing foster care or homelessness. Our efforts are rooted in and guided by the voices of the communities we serve and those with lived experience in the systems we are trying to change. Ultimately, we want each and every young person, regardless of race and individual experience, to reach adulthood with an equitable opportunity to thrive.

Mockingbird Network Representatives are youth and young adults who provide support to our Youth Programs and to our seven statewide Youth Network and Youth Advocates Ending Homelessness chapters. This support includes generating content for the *Mockingbird Times* (a quarterly newspaper distributed nationwide) and other media sources; assisting with chapter activities; facilitating trainings; and educating the public about issues pertaining to foster care and youth homelessness through speaking engagements and written publications.

POSITION SUMMARY

The King County Network Representative provides support to the Public Policy & Advocacy Program, specifically in its work on youth and young adult homelessness in King County. The focus of this project is expanding youth voice in King County homelessness policy work, with the goal of ensuring that the King County campaign to reach functional zero homelessness centers young people with lived experience in its policy and planning efforts. The Network Representative will work closely with the Public Policy Coordinator in meeting the goals and objectives of this project. The successful candidate will demonstrate peer leadership; professionalism; maturity; accountability; creativity; presentation, public speaking and facilitation skills; and the ability to work as a member of a team.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Network Representative Responsibilities:

- Support public policy efforts to expand youth voice in King County homelessness work.
- Assist with execution of a landscape assessment; meet with community partners and stakeholders.
- Represent The Mockingbird Society to stakeholders, partners, legislators, funders, and the general public in a positive and professional manner.
- Present at conferences, workshops, community forums, and other events, provide systems information and experiences regarding foster care and youth homelessness, and educate the public on how to get involved.

- Provide leadership support to Mockingbird's King County chapters.
- Participate in trainings, workshops, and other activities as assigned.
- Assist with and participate in annual events (Youth Advocacy Day, Youth Leadership Summit, and Luncheon).
- Support quarterly Statewide Leadership Council meetings.
- Participate in and support organizational, program, and fund development activities.
- Other duties as assigned.

Mockingbird Times Responsibilities:

- Research current issues, policies, and practices in foster care and youth homelessness.
- Generate quarterly articles, poetry, and illustrations as assigned.
- Ensure timely and high-quality production, distribution, and circulation of the *Mockingbird Times*.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience with, and/or commitment to having, race equity, social justice, and LGBTQ/cultural competence be a workplace priority.
- Demonstrated peer leadership ability.
- Ability to maintain a positive and professional demeanor at all times toward a variety of youth, foster parents, community members, donors, legislators, etc.
- Good verbal and written communication skills; presentation, public speaking, and facilitation skills.
- Good punctuality and attendance and the ability to produce quality, on time deliverables.
- Basic computer skills and some familiarity with computer software such as Adobe and MS office, PowerPoint, Word, Outlook, and Excel.
- Ability to accept constructive feedback on work performance and to work effectively as part of a team.
- **Must be a current or former foster youth (foster care/kinship care/group care/residential treatment), or have experienced homelessness.**
- Age requirement: 14 through 26.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to attend weekly staff meetings.
- Availability to work some mornings, evenings, and occasional weekends.
- Infrequent statewide or out-of-state travel to meetings and trainings may be required.
- Ability to perform moderate physical work, lifting up to 50 lbs.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY

The Mockingbird Society is an Equal Opportunity employer. Employment is based upon individual qualifications without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, citizenship, age, marital status, veteran status, disabilities, political ideology, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other legally protected status. **Individuals with experience as foster care providers, alumni of foster care, and those who have experienced youth homelessness are encouraged to apply.**

COMPENSATION

The approved pay for this position is \$16.00 per hour. Benefits include paid sick and safe time as mandated by the City of Seattle, prorated holiday pay, and access to an Employee Assistance Program.

HOW TO APPLY

Please follow the below instructions in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Submit applications to jobs@mockingbirdsociety.org with “King County Network Representative” in the subject line.
- Applications must include a resume and a cover letter.
- The Mockingbird Society is committed to actively creating racial equity and eliminating the impact of intersectionality by embodying the changes we want to see in our work. Applicants are required to include a statement regarding how they would support and further this goal in their cover letter.

Due to our desire to most effectively use our time in service to our mission, we are unable to respond to phone inquiries. Position is open until filled; priority consideration will be given to applications received by September 6, 2019.