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Front line workers play a pivotal role in the lives of children in foster care or are at risk of being placed in foster care. They are particularly well positioned to improve the services and outcomes for these youth. Insufficient training and lack of support are the leading causes of worker turnover and overall workforce instability. These factors directly contribute to the high numbers of children in this country who remain in foster care too long.

There are nearly 400,000 young people in the United States foster care system. These children are disproportionately vulnerable to homelessness, incarceration, and lack of educational opportunities as a result of their extended time in the system. Children's Corps greatly increases at-risk children’s chances for success by reducing worker turnover and infusing the child welfare system with dedicated, well trained and supported professionals.

“As a Children’s Corps member, every day you have the chance to say or do one thing to help families get back together.”

~ Kate Reece, CC 2012

Children’s Corps members currently impact nearly 1,500 at-risk children and families each year in New York City and will reach thousands more as the program expands.

Learn more about Children’s Corps!

www.fosteringchangeforchildren.org

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Read testimonials from members on the Children’s Corps blog!
www.childrenscorps.wordpress.com

Developing the Child Welfare Workers of Today and the Leaders of Tomorrow

A program of Fostering Change for Children
**What is Children’s Corps?**

The Children’s Corps program offers a unique employment and career opportunity for individuals passionate about making a difference in the lives of children, youth and families, particularly those impacted by the child welfare system. The program improves child welfare outcomes by selecting the right individuals for this work, offering extensive pre-service training, and providing on-going support throughout members’ 2-year commitment and beyond. Children’s Corps is a place to accomplish personal and professional goals and develop the skills to become a future leader in child welfare.

The Children’s Corps Summer Training Academy, held for 4 weeks in July, builds foundational skills to prepare for child welfare work. The training is dynamic, interactive, and offers shadowing of current workers and lots of team building. After completion of the training, members are placed in various frontline positions at agencies in New York City and Westchester, working in foster care, preventive services, and residential settings.

**Benefits of Children’s Corps**

Children’s Corps offers its members a rich experience in which to work, learn, grow, and make a difference in the lives of vulnerable families. Benefits include:

- **A full-time job** in NYC with full salary and benefits.
- **A very close and supportive network** of professionals, peers, and alumni.
- **Dynamic, engaging, and comprehensive pre-service training.**
- **On-going support** through training, monthly meetings, peer-to-peer support, an online resource group, and professional mentors.

**Children’s Corps Alumni**

Children’s Corps alumni continue to develop their careers and affect change through a variety of professional tracks including clinical practice, policy or legal work, social entrepreneurship, and agency administration. Many pursue graduate degrees in these tracks. Others continue working, often with promotions to supervisory, administrative and/or senior caseworker positions.

**Would YOU make a good Corps member?**

The ideal candidate is:

- **Passionate** about working to make a difference in the lives of at-risk children and families.
- **Eager** to join a strong, supportive professional network and to develop child welfare expertise and skills.
- **Motivated** to learn new skills and overcome challenges to grow personally and professionally.
- **Committed** to making a 2 year commitment working in child welfare.

Eligibility Requirements:

- A **minimum of a BA degree** before summer training begins.
- **U.S. citizenship or permanent residency**.
- Some available positions require a **Master’s degree in Social Work or Mental Health Counseling**.

Any academic or professional backgrounds, social work experience, and/or bi-lingual ability are highly encouraged to apply!

Applications are posted online in mid-December.

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