



JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

MEMBER SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Position:	AmeriCorps Family Navigator
Slot Type:	Half-time 900
Stipend Amount:	\$556.52 bi-monthly
Service Term:	August 12, 2024, to July 31, 2025
Service Hours:	Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00PM, plus one Saturday morning per month

Position Summary:

The AmeriCorps Family Navigator works alongside JIO staff and volunteers to provide client-centered services including client enrollment, Emergency Food and Financial Assistance, client self-empowerment, and referral to community resources and partner agencies. The Family Navigator will have a direct impact on every client they encounter, by availing them of JIO services, as well as by connecting them with local services and organizations that can assist with their needs.

Essential Functions:

I. In-Take Assessments and Referrals

- **Assess client eligibility in one-on-one consultation**
 - Conduct one-on-one assessment with clients using information from an in-take form and client interview
 - Verify client eligibility documentation per JIO guidelines
 - Confirm accurate client record is created/updated in Charity Tracker database and Link2Feed. Enter case note reflecting key information from eligibility interview (approval/ineligible for services, immediate referrals, and follow-up actions needed)
 - Provide overview of available services and procedures for utilizing services
 - Assists client with completion of required documentation for JIO assistance, including USDA/TEFAP eligibility and Emergency Financial Assistance Program.
 - Prepare client ID cards
- **Client Assistance Programs and Referrals**
 - Refer clients for financial assistance and other external support as needed, provide client assistance with submitting documents as needed.
 - Assess client eligibility for government assistance programs and provide client assistance and resources as needed to complete application
 - Advise and guide clients towards opportunities that can assist them in attaining self-sufficiency such as education, housing, vocational opportunities or services, life skills, medical, dental, and mental health services
 - Collaborate and consult with JIO Staff and Volunteers to ensure appropriate assistance, guidance and resources are being provided to clients
 - Maintain and improve the JIO community resources information center by connecting with community partners and attending sponsored training and community meetings.

II. Wellness Food Pantry Operations

- Prepare client nutrition resources, recipes, and other health promotion materials to be distribute in client food pantry
- Promote positive client-experience while shopping by assisting with organization, food displays, and stocking of client-choice area

- Serve as substitute Charity Tracker or Pantry volunteer during food distributions, as needed
- Assist with the pantry stock-room operations on occasion, as needed

III. Community Outreach

- Participates in off-site / special events as needed to identify new clients and provide education and awareness of JIO Services
- Create materials to promote JIO client services and increase community awareness of JIO

Additional Responsibilities

- Assist in positive problem-solving, always seeking proactive ways of improving organizational operations.
- Assist with data collection in the organization's client database, Charity Tracker, and document client success stories
- Promote JIO mission, vision, and values, treating all people with dignity and respect

Training Responsibilities:

- *USDA Training through LCFB (Lowcountry Food Bank)*
- *Serv Safe training through LCFB*

Required Skills:

- Appreciation for service to the community, empathy for our clients, and a passion for helping others
- Critical thinking and analytical skills for problem solving
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with both staff and volunteers.
- Ability to establish appropriate boundaries with clients
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office 365, databases, and Internet.

Required Testing and Documentation

- Signed Confidentiality and Non-discrimination agreements

Reasonable Accommodations:

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