Restorative Justice Coordinator (Full Time)

About Blocks Together

Blocks Together (BT) is a membership-based community organizing group in the West Humboldt Park (WHP) neighborhood on Chicago’s West Side. Since 1995, BT has empowered residents to work together for systematic changes that bring concrete improvement to their lives. We tackle social justice issues relating to education, housing, economic justice and the criminalization of youth. We frame our work through the lens of racial justice and human rights and we emphasize ongoing political education and connection of our campaigns to broader social justice movements.

BT members are individuals who work, worship, live, access services or go to school in West Humboldt Park. BT is firmly committed to the idea that collective leadership by those most affected by an issue is the way to build lasting change. Members lead at every level of the organization. At the committee level they determine all campaign issues to be addressed, develop and carry out strategies and do ongoing base-building. The Board of Directors is composed entirely of our most dedicated members from each committee (including youth members) that have been elected by the membership to oversee the organization as a whole.

Objective

The Restorative Justice coordinator will manage Blocks Together’s Peace Hub. The individual would be working to support young people from the West Humboldt Park community to work with local schools to implement restorative practices, increase conflict resolution tools with students from the community, facilitate restorative justice learning with young people, and work to advocate for restorative justice approaches inside schools and outside in the larger community.

Responsibilities include:

- Working with young people in the West Humboldt Park community and local schools to expose them to restorative justice practices.
- Work with local institutions such as schools, and local law enforcement institutions to promote restorative policies.
- Work in coordination with local organizations on Peace Hub activities.
- Manage Peace Hub activities with young people.
- Working with local and city wide organizations and coalitions to support the growth of restorative justice practices with young people.
- Reporting to Co-Directors and Board members regularly.
- Support in fundraising activities.
Qualifications:

- Knowledge and experience facilitation restorative practices and conflict resolution programming with youth.
- Organized, exceptional time management skills, demonstrates good follow through and detail oriented.
- Skills/experience in curriculum development, training, and youth leadership development.
- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- Proven track record of youth intervention and establishing parent partnerships.
- Experience working with elementary and high school aged youth in an educational setting (formal school or community organization)
- Community organizing experience a plus.
- Excellent communication skills (Bilingual is a plus)
- Knowledgeable in Microsoft Office.

Please email your resumes to blockstogether@gmail.com. The deadline is November 15th.