



SDYS: HERE Now Program
Classroom Assistant

Program Overview: The program Helping, Engaging, Reconnecting and Educating (HERE) Now, uses the SOS Signs of Suicide Prevention Program[®]. This curriculum is evidence based and teaches youth the warning signs of suicide and depression, encouraging them to seek help for themselves and others. HERE Now is active in 116 schools and 22 school districts in San Diego county creating a safer place for 7th -12th graders.

Time Commitment: Ongoing, regular schedule preferred. (Mon-Weds, 7am-2:30pm shifts)

Location: Varies by week, East and Central San Diego schools. Must be willing to drive.

Duties/ Expectations:

1. Provide general assistance to program staff in school-based suicide prevention presentations.
2. Assist in facilitating the Signs of Suicide[®] curriculum.
3. Assist with any additional needs of the team while in the schools.
4. Help distribute classroom materials as needed including worksheets, and prizes.
5. Ability to sit with youth and maintain warm demeanor, practicing trauma informed care.
6. Comfortable in an environment discussing suicide prevention, depression, and other mental health topics.
7. Assist staff with ensuring standards of quality for youth services, including program philosophy and development.
8. Must adhere to SDYS agency self-disclosure policy when working with youth.
9. Demonstrate cooperative behavior with colleagues and supervisors and positively contribute to the culture of the environment.
10. Report any incidents of abuse, neglect, or lack of safety to program staff in a timely manner.
11. Must be comfortable in a crowded, classroom setting.
12. Willing to following COVID-19 guidelines of the location you are volunteering at i.e. wearing masks if required.
13. Maintain confidentiality and privacy standards of service partner protected health information and other applicable information and material in accordance to agency and center policies, and applicable regulations and laws, including HIPAA.
14. Attend and participate in any required meetings and training.

Other duties as required.

Benefits: Enhanced group facilitation and public speaking skills, with opportunities to attend trainings. Be part of a rewarding experience working with a diverse group of youth and dynamic team members who value volunteer staff. Potential to gain experience conducting assessments with youth. Increased understanding of the issues facing today's youth and resources available throughout the community.

Qualifications: Able to work with a wide range of youth (grades 7-12) in a school-based setting. Able to work in a diverse setting with people of all backgrounds, cultures, and sexual orientations. Able to understand and respect specific school needs and cultures. Strong communication and listening skills and the ability to establish rapport with adolescents. Willingness to learn and a non-judgmental personality. Able to lift and carry 25lbs.

How to Apply: To apply, complete our application form on our website. You can also call (619) 221-8600 - when prompted, select option 3. Or email our volunteer team at volunteer@sdyouthservices.org.