KEYS Service Corps seeks enthusiastic new members

KEYS (Knowledge to Empower Youth to Success) is an AmeriCorps program designed to serve at-risk youth in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County by providing safe places with structured activities, assisting with homework and classwork, and implementing service projects.

KEYS members are from a variety of backgrounds, from those who are in college or graduate school to those who have recently graduated and are seeking hands-on experience. KEYS members can also be retirees who are in search of an enriching way to spend their golden years. Participants even travel from out of state to work with KEYS in our area: there have been members from 43 states over the last 23 years.

Potential KEYS applicants must be at least 19 years of age, have previous experience working with children, and pass a series of clearances. If selected to the program, KEYS members receive a stipend of \$612 every two weeks before taxes and an education award upon successful completion of the program.

"If there was ever a time to think about making a positive change for the next generation, it would be now. Joining KEYS Service Corps is an amazing way to begin making that positive change," said Helen Wachter, KEYS director.

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