

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 Texas Avenue
Vernonia OR 97064

IN DISTRICT POSITION OPENING
CHECK & CONNECT MENTORS (9)

Date: October 21, 2021
Closing Date: When Filled

POSITION STATUS:

This is a temporary position for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year that is funded through a grant obtained by the Vernonia School District. Pay is equal to the hourly rate per applicant position up to 5 hours a week.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Follow Check & Connect model of strategies during weekly student meetings.
- Collaborate with adults already involved with the youth such as teachers, case managers, counselors, probation officers, mental health therapists and social workers, as well as develop community agency linkage.
- Facilitate communication and promote problem solving between home and school.
- Document student progress and mentor efforts via monitoring forms on a weekly basis.
- Attend mentor learning collaborative meetings and student meetings (e.g. IEP meetings, student support team meetings, suspension re-entry meetings, etc.)
- Communicate in a timely manner. Acknowledge and/or respond to students, families, school personnel and phone messages and emails within 24 hours.
- Serve as a positive role model to students, staff and parents.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Persistence. A belief that all youth have the ability to learn.
- Ability and willingness to work with families using a non-judgmental approach with assuming positive regard.
- Advocacy skills, including exceptional communication skills and the ability to negotiate, compromise and comfort conflict.
- Organization skills, flexibility, and the ability to work in a variety of settings.
- Ability to work independently and gain knowledge of community resources.

PREFERRED SKILLS:

- Experience working with adolescents, youth adults experience mental health or intellectual/development disabilities and socioeconomic challenges.
- Flexibility, grace and patience to incorporate necessary changes and participant feedback to the new Reengagement pilot program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Submit a brief letter of interest to Barb Carr at bcarr@vernoniak12.org by closing date.