



Educational Advocate Position

Boosted Diplomas is a non-profit organization that serves educationally at-risk youth in Washoe County by providing advocacy, mentorship, and tutoring services to students in need. Boosted Diplomas' Achievements Unlocked (AU) program improves educational outcomes of high school youth specifically in foster care and prepares them for their future education and career paths. The program provides in-school and out-of-school services appropriate to their assessed needs. In addition to their Washoe County Human Services Agency Social Worker, each student involved in the program is assigned a Boosted Diplomas Tutor and Educational Advocate, to help assist with academic barriers and set them on a path to graduate with a diploma in-hand.

Educational Advocate (EA) Description

The EA will develop and implement an individualized educational success plan for each student, work directly with the foster youth and their team, including tutors, case workers, additional staff at WC Human Services, and WCSD staff directly at the students' school. The EA reports directly to Boosted Diplomas but participates in close partnership with Washoe County Human Services.

Job Duties

The Educational Advocate works with foster youth one-on-one to ensure educational services and interventions match the specific needs of the youth.

- Guide and motivate foster youth and work closely with school-based educators and other professionals involved with the youth.
- Create realistic and achievable education plans suited to the student's abilities, preferences, career potential, and postsecondary opportunities.
- Assist youth with exploring potential plans following graduation. Partner with the youth and their team to ensure that the youth is enrolled in high school classes that best set them up for successful graduation.
- Assist youth with ensuring they have the proper assessments and scores needed for enrollment in their post- graduation program (ACT, SAT, Accuplacers)
- Participates in formal and informal education and training of parents, fictive kin, and foster parents in best educational support practices.

Experience Required

- Well-trained former professional school counselor or educator with knowledge of academic, career, and social/emotional advisement.
- Prior background with a school district in Nevada in some capacity, to ensure a general understanding of systems, Special Education policy and student intervention processes.
- Former school counselors are strongly encouraged to apply. We are asking for a minimum of 10 years of experience in the areas described.

Minimum Education

BA/BS in Education or related field. Masters in Counseling and Educational Psychology or related preferred.

Please contact Keri Pruitt at kpruitt@washoecounty.gov if you are interested in learning more about this position, or apply here at BoostedDiplomas.org.