Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club/America SCORES Denver

Job title: *Soccer for Success* Coach/Mentor
Location: Denver, CO and Aurora, CO
Pay: $25 per session coached, to be paid monthly
Hours: Contract Position/2 hours three days a week between 2:30pm and 6:30pm
Program Dates: 12 weeks in fall, approx. August - November, 2013
Required full day training in August

Reports to: *Soccer for Success* Program Director and School Site Coordinator

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***Soccer for Success* Program and Job Summary**:
Soccer for Success is the U.S. Soccer Foundation's innovative youth development program that uses soccer as a tool to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children in under-resourced urban communities. Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club and America SCORES Denver have partnered to bring this unique program to children in Denver and Aurora.

Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club and America SCORES Denver are seeking coach mentors to implement the *Soccer for Success* curriculum in participating Denver and Aurora public schools during after school hours. Core Components of the program include:

Physical Activity: Children participate in 90-minute sessions at least three days a week to ensure they receive the recommended 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity.

Mentorship: Each site is staffed by caring coaches who serve as mentors that are invested in the successful development of each child. Mentors stress the importance of doing well in school and avoiding negative influences such as drugs, alcohol, and violence.

Nutrition: *Staff* deliver nutrition education from the *Soccer for Success* curriculum which was developed in accordance with the CDC's healthy eating module. Staff also teach the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices and maintaining healthy eating habits.

Family Engagement: *Soccer for Success* strives to turn parents and family members into advocates who reinforce the program's teachings by applying them in their homes. Family members are provided with information on nutrition, health, and public services that will aid them in their pursuit of a healthier lifestyle.

Program Duties

- Conduct *Soccer for Success* sessions three times a week, two hours each day, for twelve weeks closely adhering to the U.S. Soccer Foundation curriculum, standards, guidelines and procedures for nutrition education, soccer instruction, mentoring and assessment.
  Coaches may not be absent for more than one practice per semester.
- Assist with program set up.
- Distribute, collect, maintain, and return *Soccer for Success* issued equipment.
- Assist with attendance and snack distribution as dictated by the Site Coordinator.
- Enter attendance into Salesforce on a bi-weekly basis.
- Ensures safety by communicating and enforcing rules, consequences, policies and guidelines at participants' comprehension level.

- Assists with the collecting of pre and post season data including height, weight, waist circumference, aerobic capacity testing and nutrition surveys as required by the U.S. Soccer Foundation.
- Actively engage families in the program.
- Attends required trainings.
- Provides an emotionally secure environment for program participants and exhibits effective cultural competencies.
- Teach and promote appropriate teamwork, sportsmanship, nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices according to the U.S. Soccer Foundation *Soccer for Success* curriculum.
- Attend all special events including the *Soccer for Success* Family Jamboree scheduled for April 20th and all *Soccer for Success* games.
- Characterizes a positive role model.
- Communicate regularly with Site Coordinator, Program Director and Program Assistant.
- Carries out other duties as assigned by the Site Coordinator, Program Director and Program Assistant.
- Respond to phone and e-mail communication within 24 hours.
- Submit timesheets as required.
- Inspects soccer equipment for safety hazards, damage or wear.
- Abide by organizational guidelines, schedules and school policies.

***Qualifications**:*

- Passion for urban education, health education, youth development and sports
- Excellent people skills in a diverse environment
- Ability to communicate effectively and respectfully with staff, site coordinators, parents and players
- Ability to motivate others around you and work as part of a team
- Daily access to reliable transportation
- Must pass a background check

Knowledge of soccer not required!

To apply, please e-mail resume and cover letter to sara@rapidsyouthsoccer.org

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