



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Union Settlement Association is an on-the-ground resource for East Harlem residents of all ages, and a passionate advocate for the needs of underserved communities. Since opening our doors in 1895, we have brought education, wellness and community-building programs to our neighborhood, empowering New Yorkers with opportunities to better their lives. More than 350 staff work in our organization, and our services impact 10,000 people every year. By helping our neighbors realize their goals, we build the vitality and success of East Harlem. For more information about Union Settlement, please visit our website at [www.unionsettlement.org](http://www.unionsettlement.org)

**Position:** Learning Lab Program Director  
**Department:** Youth Services  
**Reports to:** Associate Director of After-School Programming  
**Hours:** Full-Time  
**FLSA:** Exempt

**Position Summary:** The Program Director for the Learning Lab position is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the program, funded by the Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD). Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the hiring, training, evaluations, supervision, and management of daily operations of a diverse staff ranging from seasoned activity specialists to high school interns. Additionally, the Program Director is responsible for program development, managing relations with schools and program partners, managing the program's budget, and meeting all contractual DYCD obligations. The individual may participate in grant writing and fundraising efforts on behalf of the program, as needed.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Implement a program with a focus on social and emotional support activities, and tied to project based learning.
- Ensure DYCD online database is updated weekly including attendance, work scope, program schedule, and staffing.
- Ensure Challenge Based Learning, Clubs, and Health and Wellness workshops, which allow the students to learn in smaller groups.
- Develop preventative activities and workshops to address, at minimum, the following issues: gang involvement, teenage pregnancy, obesity, risky sexual behavior, and substance abuse.
- Create and maintain a welcoming, productive, and encouraging environment for participants, their families, and members of the community.

- Ensure a strong relationship between the school day curriculum and the Learning Lab program; conduct regular meetings with the principal and/or key school staff, and attend school and curriculum development trainings.
- Articulate the program's vision, mission, and goals to East Harlem CBOs, school staff, administrators, students, families, and community leaders to generate support.
- Collaborate with families to solve problems.
- Facilitate weekly team meetings with program staff and partners.
- Provide monthly supervisory meetings with key staff to discuss performance, strengths and challenges.
- Host monthly parent meetings.
- Manage DYCD funded Learning Lab contract.
- Ensure program milestones are met.
- Produce program reports as needed.
- Participate in Youth Services programmatic committees.
- Attend committee meetings, programmatic meetings, departmental meetings, and agency-wide leadership staff meeting.
- Additional duties as assigned by the Assistant Director of Youth Services, Associate Director of After-School Programming and Director of Youth Services.

**Qualifications:**

- Master's Degree in Social Work or related field strongly preferred; at minimum, Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or related field.
- At minimum, three years' experience in youth development programs providing educational enrichment activities, with demonstrated success providing services to middle school-age youth in a direct service or supervisory role.
- Knowledge of performance-based contracts.
- Familiarity with the DYCD funded COMPASS or SONYC programs.
- Demonstrated experienced in practicing youth development principles and working with urban youth ages 11 to 15.
- Demonstrated understanding of the challenges facing youth in an urban setting.
- Ability and commitment to working with youth while creating a positive environment built on supportive relationships among staff and students.
- Capacity to empower staff to serve as role models for students and create high expectations for student behavior, school and program attendance, work habits, and attitudes toward learning
- Strong verbal, written, and computer skills.
- Demonstrated ability to perform multiple tasks effectively in a fast paced, challenging, and constantly changing environment.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred.

**To Apply:**

Please send Cover Letter, Resume, Salary Requirements, and References to:  
[sonyccareers@unionsettlement.org](mailto:sonyccareers@unionsettlement.org)

Please indicate Learning Lab Program Director in subject of e-mail.

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