

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Birth & Beyond?

Birth & Beyond offers a range of services, activities, and opportunities free of charge that respond comprehensively to the needs of local residents and families. Services are provided through local Family Resource Centers in nine neighborhoods in the Sacramento area.

Services include parenting education, workshops, home visitation, school readiness support, resource referrals, and crisis intervention.

Birth & Beyond Family Resource Centers work closely together to align and integrate their efforts to ensure that families are able to get what they need to achieve their goals. Family Resource Centers collaborate broadly across systems to provide effective supports based on a deep understanding of the community served.

What Birth & Beyond positions are available?

Birth & Beyond offers three AmeriCorps positions:

<u>Family Resource Aide</u>: Facilitate parent education workshops and provide support services and resources to families.

Home Visitor: Provide in-home parent education and support services to families.

<u>School Readiness Home Visitor</u>: Provide educationally based services and resources to enhance child development.

More information about these positions can be found on the <u>Birth & Beyond website</u> and on the MyAmeriCorps position listings. Full position descriptions are also available.

Where do Birth & Beyond members serve?

Birth & Beyond members serve at one of nine Family Resource Centers in the Sacramento area.

Folsom Cordova Community Partnership River Oak Center for Children

La Familia Counseling Center Sacramento Children's Home

Mutual Assistance Network Wellspace Health

The list of Birth & Beyond partners and links to their websites can be found on the <u>Birth & Beyond website</u>.

What are the hours?

Members serve for a one-year term in a full-time capacity during standard business hours (Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm). Additionally, there are occasional community events on evenings and weekends. Some Birth & Beyond sites can offer some flexibility for members who require adjusted hours. Members can serve with Birth & Beyond for up to four terms. The 2018-2019 term of service begins on September 4, 2018.

What are the benefits of Birth & Beyond?

First time Birth & Beyond members receive a living stipend of \$19,975 for one year of service (\$1,664 per month, \$832 per pay period).

Members also receive an education award worth \$5,920 which can be used to repay qualified student loans or for future educational expenses. Additionally, AmeriCorps members are eligible to have the repayment of certain student loans postponed during their term of service while they are earning an education award.

Members can also qualify for healthcare coverage and subsidized child-care while serving with Birth & Beyond AmeriCorps.

How do I apply to Birth & Beyond?

Candidates will apply electronically through the MyAmeriCorps portal. Links to the MyAmeriCorps website and detailed application instructions can be found on the <u>Birth & Beyond website</u>.

What happens after I apply?

Selected candidates will be contacted directly by the Family Resource Centers to schedule interviews.

For additional questions, contact us at AmeriCorps@thecapcenter.org.