



College Completion Coach

Title: College Completion Coach

Location: Telecommute position responsible for coverage of Southeast Florida

Full-time Position: Salaried - 40 hours/week

Compensation: \$25,000-35,000 per year, plus benefits

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) is a Florida-based non-profit organization committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by putting low-income students on a direct path to higher education. The elements of TSIC's core model include: pairing middle and high school students with a volunteer adult mentor, offering professional post-secondary readiness services, and providing a Florida Prepaid Scholarship. In 2018, TSIC was granted additional funding to begin Take Stock in College, a program designed to provide post-secondary completion support to TSIC graduates currently enrolled in Florida's public colleges and universities. **TSIC is searching for a College Completion Coach (CCC) to serve as the liaison between TSIC and the colleges and universities in the southeast region of Florida, further advancing the mission of Take Stock in College.**

The CCC will oversee Take Stock in College service implementation at a cohort of colleges and universities located in the southeast region of Florida. The CCC will ensure programmatic quality, maintain high professional standards by establishing effective partnerships with college/university staff, and support the peer mentoring work of the on-campus Take Stock in College Student Ambassadors. The CCC will also be responsible for monitoring the progress of Take Stock in College students enrolled at schools within their regional cohort, ensuring that they have the supports necessary to remain in good academic standing and complete their degree programs in a timely manner. Additionally, the CCC will provide students with the necessary career-readiness skills and support to aid in their post-degree job searches.

Take Stock in Children connects students to comprehensive services, including direct student support and post-secondary and career success coaching to students in every Florida county. As a result of their work, 96% of TSIC students complete high school and enter post-secondary experiences. In addition, TSIC graduates have surpassed the state average of 25% post-secondary completion with 67% finishing the post-secondary experience. While impressive, TSIC is aiming to increase the completion rate even further, by providing the high-quality level of support, to graduates enrolled in post-secondary programs via Take Stock in College. **The College Completion Coach is an integral member of the team helping TSIC further this mission.**

The Position

The College Completion Coach will advance Take Stock in College's strategic direction through the following activities:

- Regularly monitor student academic progress and course of study to ensure students stay on track to complete their degrees in a timely manner.
- Cultivate partnerships with post-secondary institutions to leverage every existing college and university program and establish a single point of contact at each institution, to ensure an easy connection to post-secondary supports.
- Support the Student Ambassadors by training them and fielding more difficult student challenges where greater levels of intervention are required.
- Help students maximize financial aid by assisting their navigation of the financial aid process and tapping into platforms such as Scholly, and other online systems that help students find and secure existing scholarships.
- Work with Student Ambassadors to identify the connections on campus for additional services and help.
- Build career readiness as students prepare for their post-graduate job search directly and leverage a library of online trainings for students on key career skills.
- Oversee the planning for and facilitation of college readiness workshops put on by the Student Ambassadors.
- Support the development of post-secondary-level study skills.
- Facilitate student preparation for taking typical graduate school admission exams, such as the GRE.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Core Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree required, **Take Stock in Children graduate strongly preferred.**
- Ability to passionately work towards breaking the cycle of poverty through higher education.
- Ability to build supportive relationships with post-secondary-aged students.
- Ability to communicate strongly and have a professional demeanor with students and staff, both in person and over the phone.
- Ability to embody a strong connection to Take Stock in Children's mission and values, along with a desire to serve and work with diverse populations.
- Ability to attend functions in the evening and on weekends as required.
- Ability to attend off-site meetings and functions as required.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (upon offer of opportunity):

- Registered sex offenders (or anyone required to register) and individuals convicted of a felony crime are prohibited from employment with Take Stock in Children.
- Satisfactory background check.
- Ability to work in a classroom, office, and school environment.
- Ability to stand and sit for extended periods of time.
- Documentation that verifies identity and employability in the United States.

- Proof of any diplomas or degrees indicated as a job qualification.
- Two completed reference forms.
- Access to reliable transportation.

TRAVEL: This position will require up to 75% travel, 25% work from the TSIC State Office. Access to your own reliable transportation is expected. A successful candidate will reside within commuting distance of Fort Lauderdale and should be familiar with the post-secondary institutions within the southeast region of Florida.

Compensation: The compensation range is \$25,000-\$35,000 per year based on experience. A competitive benefits package is also provided.

NOTE: This position is entirely or largely grant funded and is therefore subject to the availability of funding that supports Take Stock in Children's post-secondary programming.

To Apply: If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and cover letter to collegecompletioncoach@tsic.org. Applications will be reviewed as they are received until **September 6, 2019**. Please specify in the subject line that you are applying for the Southeast region.

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