



YDEKC Interim Executive Director Profile

Salary Range: \$93,000 - \$116,000

This role is a 12-month role with the potential for extension to transition Youth Development Executives of King County (YDEKC) into its next stage of the organizational life cycle.

YDEKC is pioneering something new with an interim placement. We are seeking a visionary and strategic thinker and leader grounded in King County's diverse communities and the local youth development field to guide the organization through this strategic transition period and possibly beyond.

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About Youth Development Executives of King County

Youth Development Executives of King County (YDEKC) is a diverse coalition of leaders representing youth-serving community based and nonprofit organizations across King County. Our mission is to connect, strengthen, and amplify the leaders of youth-serving organizations so that Black, Indigenous, and young people of color thrive. Our members partner with schools, communities, and families, to ensure every young person has what they need to learn, grow, and thrive. [Learn more about our 12-year history here](#).

YDEKC strives to center antiracist policies and practices in our work to ensure that leaders at every organizational level have opportunities to strengthen their skills and peer networks to advance along their own pathway. We also work to strengthen the youth development field through advocacy and awareness raising of the critical work that our sector does to build the ecosystem of supports young people need to thrive.

Currently, more than 100 youth-serving organizations, most represented by their Executive Director, are members of the YDEKC Coalition. The small staff team of two in addition to the new leader will work to advance aspects of the existing shared advocacy agenda and capacity building needs of its members and collaboratively seek to reimagine new goals.

About the Opportunity

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1. Advocating to ensure a diverse range of youth-serving nonprofits have the infrastructure and resources including living wages for staff that are needed to provide high quality, identity affirming, strengths-based supports for young people.
2. Building trust and collaboration between organizations and across sectors.
3. Supporting social and emotional well-being for adults and the young people they serve.
4. Being led by our members, and supporting them to be led by the people they serve.

Read more about our [2020-2023 Strategic directions and tactics here.](#)

With significant shifts in the funding environment, YDEKC hopes to gain the level of support that will allow the organization to thrive, but recognizes the financial risks involved at this time for the organization. We are seeking someone to lead us forward during this year of transition to re-envision and collaborate towards a next generation YDEKC. We expect this role to last 12 months with the possibility of a longer tenure.

With Black, Indigenous and people of color at the center of future planning, YDEKC seeks someone who can build on the past to ensure programming is member-driven and meets the needs of the current, pandemic-recovery time.

This leader will cultivate relationships with member organizations and inspire funders towards a collective vision that meets the needs of racial equity-focused youth development organizations and professionals. They will be someone who is capable of decisive action and risk-taking in alignment with shared values and goals, and in partnership with YDEKC's member-led governance structure.



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YDEKC is currently a **fully remote work environment** with the exception of regular (approximately twice per month) in-person staff meetings and occasional in-person events and meetings. The ideal candidate has deep relationships, experience and knowledge of King County's youth development context and people.

School's Out Washington provides fiscal sponsorship to YDEKC and is therefore the employer of record for all employees. The relationship is governed by an MOU that outlines roles and responsibilities. All SOWA (YDEKC) employees must reside in Washington State.

Essential roles:

Organizational Change Management

- Partner with the Advisory Board in active brainstorming, thought leadership and authentic real time discussions about YDEKC's future
- Create and drive organizational priorities, leadership structure, operations, and financial viability including refining YDEKC's equity-based strategies
- Fundraise to support YDEKC organizational goals including building new and renewed funder relationships
- Manage YDEKC budget, and ensure expenses are aligned to resource availability
- Co-create and facilitate organizational transformation to a future state of relevancy and sustainability (or explore sunseting and distribution of programs)

Coalition & Community Building

- Deepen investment and strengthen practices in member-leadership and governance
- Build and maintain strong multi-directional relationships with YDEKC members, key cross-sector leaders, decision makers and allies to forge a future path for YDEKC
- Represent YDEKC and the youth development field at a variety of key decision making and/or advocacy tables

Culture & Relationships

- Engender confidence with internal and external partners and members during this unique moment in time based on shared values of Belonging, Equity, Collaboration, and Learning, and shared approaches with our members of Anti-racism and Positive Youth Development
- Assure a culture of active listening and centering Black, Indigenous and people of color voices and priorities
- Work effectively in a time sensitive environment in an inclusive, transparent and outcome-oriented manner
- Work collaboratively with the YDEKC staff team to continuously improve culture, morale and structures that support organizational effectiveness including supervision of staff.

Desired Skills, Knowledge and Abilities

- Deep knowledge and experience advancing equity and social justice in youth serving systems, the nonprofit or public sector or equivalent
- 5+ years of management experience in nonprofits, coalition building, or within a consulting, membership or capacity building organization, including convening and facilitation
- Demonstrated track record of fundraising. Existing relationships with philanthropy and corporate foundations preferred
- Demonstrated experience working in youth development sector and within cross-sector partnerships, preferably in King County and Washington State
- Ability to drive outcomes in complex, uncertain and not yet defined environments
- Highly self-directed and skilled at working in a very dynamic environment
- Effective verbal, written, interpersonal and public speaking / presentation communication skills
- Proven successful track record in rapidly taking projects from concept to implementation
- Transparent and high integrity leadership
- Demonstrated ability to manage conflicting priorities
- Demonstrated ability to create and implement strategic plans and goals
- Demonstrated ability to create and cultivate positive, productive internal and external working relationships by building trust and collective engagement
- Experience in hiring, managing, and developing staff
- Bachelor's Degree preferred, in youth development, social service, public administration, education, recreation, or related field. Relevant work experience may substitute for education

Hours and benefits:

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Full-time, 40 hours, Monday-Friday. Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Classification: Exempt

Benefit package including medical, dental, vision, long-term disability, retirement, and Paid Time Off.

COVID-19 Policy: In accordance with COVID-19 safety practices, School's Out Washington has a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, and all new hires need to be fully vaccinated prior to their first day of employment or have an approved reasonable accommodation (based on a documented disability or



sincerely held religious belief) exempting them from the requirement. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series vaccine or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.

Our Equity Commitment: *School's Out Washington is an Equal Opportunity Employer. School's Out Washington has a commitment to addressing racism, sexism, heterosexism and other discriminatory practices and a commitment to working toward racial equity through undoing institutional and structural racism. Women, People of Color, and LGBTQ individuals are encouraged to apply.*

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter as one document to jobs@schoolsoutwashington.org with the subject line "YDEKC Interim Executive Director." Applications without cover letters will not be considered.

Cover letters should be no more than 2 pages and should outline how your professional background, experience, interests, and passions specifically correlate to the position and YDEKC's mission and work.

Applications received by 5:00 PM (PST) September 19, 2022 will receive full consideration. Applications will continue to be accepted after this date. However, preferential consideration is given to those submitted by September 19, 2022. The announcement will remain posted until the position is filled.