

## PROMOTING INCLUSIVENESS AND OTHER PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

### Study Tour Professionals in the Field of Inclusion of People with Disabilities

The Community Connections Program offers 3-week, homestay-based, practical training opportunities in the United States for professionals who demonstrate aptitude and leadership potential in different fields. In the field of inclusion of people with disabilities, ten professionals from Serbia will have the opportunity to meet with their U.S. counterparts and learn about societal values and all aspects of the inclusion of people with disabilities and how that operates in the United States in mainstream and as well as special institutions from formal to non-formal education, adult education, and skills development; understand what legislation and regulations exist to ensure access and inclusion of people with disabilities to education and employment and the full exercise of their rights as citizens; learn the importance of a multi-sector approach to people with disabilities, especially related to education and education for employment that considers labor market skills and needs (who are the key actors and what is the role of businesses, education, and the civic (NGO) sector); see how awareness raising campaigns among the mainstream population and people with disabilities are developed, how support networks for inclusion are built, and how art and sports projects such as Special and Para Olympics contribute to the inclusion of people with disabilities and showcase their talent.

All expenses in the U.S., including international airfare, insurance, professional and cultural programs and room and board, will be provided by World Learning (passport fees and travel within Serbia are not included).

### Goals of the program

- To provide participants with professional training and practical day-to-day exposure in the field of inclusion of people with disabilities
- To encourage public-private partnerships in Serbia
- To create links between the U.S. and Serbian communities

### Community Connections Program

Community Connections is a United States Agency for International Development program designed to promote the exchange of cultural ideas and values between Serbian participants, U.S. families, and U.S. local community host organizations. Managed by USAID and implemented by World Learning in Serbia and Washington, DC, the program works in collaboration with the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Serbia and host exchange organizations in U.S. communities selected by USAID. These host organizations arrange for the home stays and professional development aspects of the program.

### Recruitment

World Learning will be recruiting for professionals in the field of inclusion of people with disabilities from Serbia beginning on December 10, 2010. Eligible candidates must submit an application form by the **deadline of January 10, 2010**. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

### Who can apply?

In order to be eligible for the Community Connections Program, applicants **must** be professionals and others in the field of promoting the rights of people with disabilities and their inclusion into society and who are willing and able to transfer newly acquired knowledge into their practice and to other colleagues: NGOs and associations that work with or for people with disabilities, local authority representatives from departments dealing with human rights/employment, employers' associations (Union of Employers, Chamber of Commerce, etc.), National Employment Service, adult education institutions and NGOs that offer pre-qualification and re-qualification, representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Education that work in the field of people with disabilities or with mainstream teachers involved in inclusive education, representatives from Special Olympics and Paralympics and fulfill the following **general requirements**:

- Be a citizen of Serbia and currently reside and work in Serbia
- Able to demonstrate professional aptitude and leadership potential in the chosen field
- Have significant experience in the field and plan to work for at least two more years in the field



- Complete all the necessary forms
- Eligible to receive and maintain a U.S. J-1 visa
- Committed to returning to Serbia immediately upon completion of the program
- Willing to live with a host family in the United States

For more information or to get an application please contact World Learning or visit our website.



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