

Job Title: Program Facilitator, Young Adult Gaming Club

Location & Travel: Multiple Sites Across Connecticut, Requires Regular Travel for Programs

Type & Hours: Seasonal, Contract Position, Estimated 10-40 Hours/Week

Pay: Experience Dependent, \$15 - \$17

About Affinity Esports: Established in 2021, Affinity Esports stands as Connecticut's leading organization dedicated to promoting healthier gaming. Our core mission revolves around cultivating safe and inclusive spaces that offer comprehensive experiences for gamers of all backgrounds. This mission is brought to life through our structured programs designed to enhance accessibility, foster community education, and champion inclusivity.

At the heart of our approach is a commitment to highlighting the long-term benefits of esports. We aim to shift the narrative, bringing the focus to the positive impacts of gaming on wellness, education, mental health, competitive spirit, and social interaction. This vision has enabled us to build a vibrant community of gamers and advocates who are equally passionate about maintaining a balance between gaming and overall well-being.

With our headquarters in Newtown, CT, Affinity Esports is dedicated to expanding the esports landscape throughout Connecticut. Our team works tirelessly from our HQ, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of developing a robust and responsible gaming culture. Join us in our journey to redefine gaming and make a lasting impact in the esports arena.

Job Description: Join the dynamic team at Affinity Esports as a Program Facilitator for our Young Adult Gaming Club, a rapidly expanding initiative focused on nurturing socialization, healthier gaming habits, and community engagement among 18-25 year olds. With over 18 months of successful operation, our program has already impacted more than fifty young adults across six active locations, featuring a diverse range of activities. These include journaling, group discussions, free play, game and screen breaks, stretching, hydrating, snacking, walks, light exercise, group gaming sessions, skill and knowledge sharing, and fostering a social group bonded by common interests. This role offers the exciting opportunity to bring joy, laughter, and excitement into the lives of young adults, helping them connect through gaming while promoting a balanced, healthy lifestyle. We are seeking a passionate and dedicated individual to further enhance this vibrant program and make a meaningful difference in the gaming community.





Responsibilities:

- **Transport of Mobile Solution:** Responsible for the safe transportation of the mobile gaming setup to various Mental Health Partners across Connecticut, including journeys of up to 1.5 hours each way.
- Setup and Breakdown of Mobile Solution: Efficiently manage the setup and dismantling
 of the mobile gaming solution at different locations, ensuring all components are
 properly arranged and connected.
- **Gaming Equipment Setup:** Oversee the setup of gaming laptops, accessories, and consoles, making sure all equipment is functional and ready for participant use.
- Leading Journaling Sessions and Group Discussions: Facilitate reflective journaling sessions and lead engaging group discussions, promoting expression and open communication among participants.
- Teaching Healthy Gaming Curriculum: Implement and instruct the healthy gaming curriculum within the Young Adult Gaming Club sessions, advocating for balanced and responsible gaming practices.
- Communication with Mental Health Partners: Maintain consistent and effective communication with Mental Health Partners, coordinating schedules, addressing client challenges, and providing program updates.

Required Skills & Experience:

- Understanding of Mental Health Challenges: Proven experience or a robust understanding of working with clients aged 18-26 facing mental health challenges. Additional experience with individuals with disabilities is highly valued.
- Passion for Video Games and Esports: A strong interest, passion, or general understanding of video games and the esports industry.
- **Excellent Communication Skills:** Must possess outstanding verbal and written communication skills for effective engagement with club members.
- Google Platform Proficiency: Familiarity with or willingness to learn Google Platform tools, including Google Calendar, Google Slides, Google Sheets, Google Docs, Google Forms, etc.
- **Facilitation Experience:** Prior experience in facilitating group discussions and activities, aimed at creating a positive and inclusive gaming environment.
- **Collaboration Skills:** The ability to collaborate effectively with both internal team members and external stakeholders.
- Adaptability to Dynamic Environments: Comfort in fast-paced, dynamic settings, with the ability to improvise solutions to unique problems.





- Active Listening Skills: Excellent active listening skills are essential to understand and address the needs of club members.
- **Clean Driving Record:** A clean driving record is required, as the role involves transportation of mobile gaming solutions.

How to Apply: If you are passionate about creating positive gaming experiences, fostering inclusivity, and have the required skills and experience, we invite you to apply. <u>Please submit your resume and a cover letter detailing your relevant experience and why you would be a great fit for this role to Kate Petersen by email to kate@affinityesports.gg. We are excited to have you join us at Affinity Esports and be a part of a team that is shaping the future of gaming in Connecticut!</u>

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement: Affinity Esports is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees and making hiring decisions based on merit, qualifications, abilities, and business needs. We do not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, veteran status, or any other legally protected status. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and identities.

Contact Affinity Esports: For any other inquiries or further information, please feel free to reach out to us by email at hello@affinityesports.gg or by phone/text at (203) 290-1656. We look forward to hearing from you!

