

# Open Position: STARS Connector

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We are currently accepting resumes for the following position:

## STARS Connectors

Agape is seeking **STARS Connectors** for the Frayser, Hickory Hill and Whitehaven areas. As a poverty-reduction initiative, Agape, through its place-based strategy, Powerlines Community Network (PCN), implements a Two Generation paradigm. The Connector works with Powerlines' partner collaborative efforts in their designated PCN communities for a place-based, collective impact community transformation. The goal of the Connector position is to be embedded in both a specific school and a selected site/neighborhood in Memphis with the hope of connecting with youth and families, and assisting by linking them to resources that they desire and need (early childhood education; post-secondary education and workforce; economic supports; health and well-being; and social capital). The Connector is required to go where the people are and build relationships. They must be able to focus on family strengths and recognize the family relationship with youth and families, as well as build relationships with key community partners and stakeholders to leverage resources in response to the family's wishes. They are responsible for facilitating efforts to address the health and welfare of children and families served, which includes seeing that needs are being appropriately addressed, i.e., medical, health, spiritual, emotional, social, employment, educational/training, etc. Additionally, the Connector should have excellent interpersonal skills, knowledge of social services systems, knowledge of resources, good organizational, time management and communication skills. They must possess the ability to work well independently as well as part of a team; work in partnerships and relationships with key community leaders, supporters and advocates. Connectors should ensure program quality, transparency, and accurate reporting.

### Education & Experience Required:

Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or related degree from an accredited college or university, or equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills or abilities for this position with at least 2 years of relevant experience; Demonstrated ability to work with a wide range of people and be culturally sensitive; Passion for helping others; Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written; Proven ability as a problem solver and self-starter; Must demonstrate computer proficiency with those software applications essential to this position; Will be required to work a flexible schedule; available evenings and weekends. Candidate must be willing to engage in Agape's Performance Quality and Improvement (also known as Continuous Quality Improvement) standards of quality & excellence.

### Starting Salary Range: \$30,000-\$35,000

#### About Agape:

Agape Child & Family Services is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to providing children and families in Memphis with healthy homes. Agape serves nearly 10,000 children and families each year in an effort to keep them safe, smart and successful through school-based initiatives and site-based services in under-resourced communities; counseling; homeless services; adoption and foster care. In partnership with the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Agape and its community partners have expanded services via a two-generation model, wholly serving youth and parents in a poverty-reduction strategy, providing support, permanency, and sustainability in Frayser, Hickory Hill and Whitehaven. To learn more, call 901.323.3600 or visit [agapemeanslove.org](http://agapemeanslove.org).

**We are Proud to Offer:** Competitive Pay, Excellent Benefits, Paid Holidays, and Opportunities for Professional Growth and Development

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*\*All positions require a valid driver's license and automobile insurance. All applicants are subject to a drug screening and background check. Agape is a Christian organization and has certain religious requirements for its employees.*