Position Description:

La Conexión family leader plays a critical role in fulfilling the mission of La Conexión: To foster a strong sense of community, cultural pride, and academic confidence for Latino students at CSU. The Family Leader is a role model for La Conexión student participants so they may understand what it takes to be successful at CSU. Family Leaders support students with academic, social, and personal challenges they may encounter during their first year.

Program Details:

Although La Conexión is one large family there are four small families. Each small family is facilitated by a Family Leader. Family Leaders are responsible for establishing community among their small family, following semester schedule and curriculum, and planning bi-weekly activities.

Family Leader Job Responsibilities:

- Attend weekly Family Leader team meetings (2 hours per week)
- Attend El Centro Staff meetings (45 minutes per week)
- Attend all La Conexión Large Family events (typically one per month)
- Attend El Centro Events (specific events assigned at the beginning of the fall semester)
- Facilitate weekly small family meetings (2 hours per week)
- Facilitate a strong sense of community
- Plan family activities
- Prepare for weekly meetings
- Maintain 2 study hours each week
- Maintain 4 office hours per week
- Maintain notes on student meetings
- Maintain a positive and solution oriented attitude
- Create and distribute assessment tools
- Foster relationships with student participants as well as El Centro staff
- Practice listening skills
- Contribute to the improvement La Conexión and El Centro
- Provide feedback on activities and program components
- Practice effective time management
- Support the mission of El Centro
- Support the purpose of La Conexión

Qualifications:

- Must be a current undergraduate student at Colorado State University
- Must be at least in second year status by the fall of 2016
- Must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative gpa
- Must apply for Merit Work-Study with El Centro staff on Monday February 1st from 7-8:30 am
- Must be willing to commit to one full academic year (2016-2017)
Preferred Qualifications:

- Embody program values
- Demonstrate attention to detail, thoughtfulness, and enthusiasm
- Demonstrate a passion for serving others
- Demonstrate cultural pride
- Demonstrate ethical leadership
- Demonstrate self-awareness and willingness to receive feedback
- Ability to be vulnerable
- Ability to be a self-starter
- Ability to collaborate with others
- Ability to work as a team
- Ability to be flexible

Fall Semester Schedule:

**Training**- August 15\(^{th}\)-19\(^{th}\)

**Family Leader Team meeting times**- TBD

**Ram Welcome Carnival**- Thursday, August 18\(^{th}\)

**El Centro Open House**- Friday, August 19\(^{th}\), 2:30-3:30 pm

**Ramapalooza**- Friday, August 19\(^{th}\), 7-10 pm

**El Centro/APACC Welcome Back BBQ**- Wednesday, August 24\(^{th}\) 5-7 pm

**Family Picnic**- Saturday, September 3\(^{rd}\) 4-6 pm

**La Conexión Family Hike to the “A”**- Saturday, September 17\(^{th}\) from 7-9 pm

**La Conexión Fly High**- Tuesday, October 4\(^{th}\), 7-9 pm

**La Conexión Haunted Campus Tour**- Thursday, October 27\(^{th}\), 7-9 pm

**La Conexión Family Bowling Night**- TBD

**La Conexión Holiday Party**- Wednesday, December 7\(^{th}\), 6-8 pm

**End of the Semester Staff Dinner**- Friday, December 2\(^{nd}\)

Additional El Centro events will be added to the fall as we get closer to the 2016-2017 academic year (NLHM events, Noche Latina, etc.)

Spring Semester:
Most dates are to be determined however, there are standing celebrations such as Cesar Chavez, Cinco de Mayo, La Conexión End of the Year Celebration and the El Centro Awards Ceremony that you will be expected to attend.

**To Apply:**

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and three references to Samantha Borrego, Coordinator of Special Programs, at Samantha.Borrego@colostate.edu.

Applications are **due by 5pm MST, Friday, December 4th by 12 pm.** Interviews will take place the week of December 11th. Official start date is August 15th.

**Note:** If you are selected to be a Family Leader you **MUST** attend the El Centro Staff Breakfast to complete the Merit Work-Study Application on **Monday, February 1st, 2016 from 7:00-8:30am in El Centro. You will not be hired if you do not attend this event.**