

Between Friends Child Care Volunteer Description

Child Care Volunteer Job Description

Reports To: Children's Counselor

Classification: Unpaid Internship

General Purpose of Position

Volunteers conduct childcare while their mother is in session. Volunteers must follow guidelines regarding non-violence and help facilitate non-competitive play that fosters effective problem solving and communication skills. Volunteers are needed to assist with activities including arts and crafts, tutoring, music, discussion groups, and more.

Knowledge and Skill Requirements

Qualifications - The ideal volunteer is empathic, non-judgmental and has an awareness of the impact of domestic violence on children. The individual needs to value working with different populations.

Experience – Previous experience working with children of different ages is necessary. Previous experience in crisis intervention and/or the field of domestic violence preferred; must complete 40-Hour Domestic Violence Training provided by Between Friends, must pass criminal background check, and must commit to at least two 2-hour shifts per month for a period of one year.

Licenses/Certification – None required.

Computer and software knowledge – Must have email access

Responsibilities

- Provide child care the last Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm-8pm. Be willing to be on a list of volunteers that can be called for childcare requests. Requests vary from daytime to evenings depending on program and client needs.
- Child care will be provided at the Between Friends office located in Rogers Park and is within close proximity to public transportation and has ample parking
- Regularly complete and submit documentation of services provided as requested by the Children's Counselor
- Completes other duties as assigned

Benefits

Volunteers receive free 40-Hour, state-certified training in domestic violence. Training includes crisis intervention, active listening, advocacy, criminal and civil justice, the health care system, social services, and problem-solving skills as they relate to domestic violence. This is the first step towards obtaining the Illinois Domestic Violence Professional License.

It is not the intention of this position description to limit the specific duties of this job, but rather to describe the major responsibilities and activities associated therewith at the time the position description was prepared. As the organization changes, or simply with the passage of time, the specific tasks and responsibilities that comprise any job also tend to undergo changes. Such changes may consist of

additions to, reductions in, or substitutions of duties and responsibilities. This position description should be revised on an annual basis to reflect such changes.