



# Children's Program Volunteer

**Job Description:** Be a role model for children! Join a team of volunteers to work with children in a structured setting from a variety of family situations. Help create a fun, safe environment for children to build healthy relationships and explore ideas and feelings about themselves and others through play and activities.

## Duties and Responsibilities

1. Be an example of alternative discipline, caring interaction and respect as you provide quality supervision of the children.
2. Provide a break for both the parent(s) and children in crisis.
3. Respond to children's needs and take time, if possible, for individual interaction.
4. Handle discipline problems responsibly. Call on staff support if needed.
5. Communicate with SHS staff the concerns and questions you have during your volunteer time.
6. Be present for regular shifts and notify the Volunteer Coordinator as much in advance as possible when unable to be present.

## Qualifications

1. Ability and desire to interact positively with homeless families.
2. Ability to handle responsibility and to work independently.
3. Willingness to work with children who may have developmental problems or behavioral challenges.
4. Must be able to pass the Washington State Patrol background check.

## Benefits

1. Helping people in crisis.
2. Learning tactics for positive discipline and boosting self-esteem.
3. Personal references and recommendations.

**Time Parameters:** These will be agreed upon by the prospective volunteer and the Volunteer Coordinator. Usually one shift a week for a minimum commitment of 2-3 months. Shifts are available Tuesday-Thursday from 6:30-8:00 pm.

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