

Childcare Services Volunteer Job Description

As we support adult survivors, we also support our survivor families. Childcare Services Volunteers provide weekly support for advocates supporting parents through support groups.

Primary Functions:

Child Services Volunteers are responsible for childcare during support group meetings, and house meetings.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Interact with children of all ages for specific time frames as set up by the Shelter Manager.
2. Provide structured playtime for all children that are age specific and appropriate, including arts and crafts, sports, and games.
3. Facilitating group activities with children.

Requirements of Positions:

1. At least 15 years old
2. All volunteers must pass a criminal background check and informal interview with the Shelter Manager.
3. Complete volunteer application form complete with references.
4. Must sign a confidentiality statement, agree to all terms of the confidentiality agreement and personally commit to keeping the confidentiality of all AVFC locations and clients at all times.
5. Must support and follow all guidelines, policies and procedures associated with AVFC.
6. Attend and complete 16 hour DV training and 14 hours of SA training as well as all other training requirements.
7. Complete 6 hours of on-going training during a calendar year
8. Attend volunteer meetings
9. Have reliable transportation to volunteer locations.
10. Will be evaluated once per year by VSC. Volunteers will also be asked to evaluate Advocates staff.

Qualifications for Positions:

1. Willingness to work within guidelines, policies, standards and mission statement of AVFC.
2. Patience and understanding when dealing with children of all ages.
3. Awareness of and sensitivity to cultural/ethnic differences and/or willingness to learn.
4. Ability to work in a team and accept guidance and direction from staff members.
5. Experience with diverse cultures, languages and situations desirable but not mandatory.
6. Experience working with children
7. Bilingual abilities highly desirable but not mandatory.

COMMITMENT:

AVFC request that volunteers interested in this position commit to group nights (get from Shelter Manager) 1, 3 hour shift weekly, for 6 months. Advocates fully recognize that burnout is a real issue in today's world and in this line of work. We encourage volunteers to practice self-care activities.