

Sunday Respite Volunteer Job Description

Purpose: To provide engagement to children participating in the Sunday Respite program; an inclusive play group. Children ages 3-12 with disabilities who are a part of the agency’s program are invited, along with their siblings. This program provides parents a short break from caregiving responsibilities. Volunteers will be asked to help supervise the children and join the children for games, arts and crafts, snack time, and more.

Site & Time:

- Takes place at the Joy Faith Knapp Children’s Center at 3145 West Pratt Blvd
- Occurs every Sunday
- The group is from 1 – 4 p.m., however volunteers are asked to arrive at noon for a pre-group meeting and stay till 4:30 p.m. for a post-group meeting

Traits

- Comfortable wearing a mask for long periods of time
- Ability to display an energetic and positive attitude
- Personable with the ability to exhibit strong interpersonal communication skills
- Comfortable working with children with a wide range of disabilities
- Volunteers must be 18 years or older
- Creativity when it comes to activities and games

Responsibilities

- Provide supervision and engagement of children during Sunday Respite
- Actively participate and encourage participants to engage in activities
- Help maintain a safe and inclusive environment
- Maintain strict confidentiality during and after the volunteer commitment concerning agency clients, their families, and their situations

Changes due to COVID-19

- We are offering smaller groups almost weekly, but the expectation would be for volunteers to participate at least once a month and only more often if they are interested
- We are only serving clients, not siblings, but once COVID-19 subsides we plan to include siblings
- Almost all the children cannot tolerate wearing masks, so volunteers need to be OK with this

Key Interactions

Clients	Staff		
Caregivers	Volunteers		

If interested, please contact Haley Zimmerman, Volunteer Coordinator, at haleyzimmerman@jcfs.org or (773) 467-3746.