

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 email Volunteers@JCFS.org