

Southside Survivor Response Center, Inc.

Emergency Shelter Child Care Volunteer

This volunteer opportunity will place the volunteer in direct contact with parents, children and staff of the Emergency Shelter of the Southside Survivor Response Center (SSRC) for the purpose of assisting parents in elevating a common barrier to employment and/or being able to attend essential meetings or run errands. Volunteers in this position may be called to serve “at the last minute” to provide child care services.

Role: This volunteer opportunity will maintain supervision and care for children and youth placed in the Emergency Shelter and provide a safe and structured environment.

Responsibilities:

- To cooperate as an emergency shelter team member, always seeking the best interest of each child being cared for.
- To assure the safety, well-being, educational and social growth of each child.
- To maintain a sense of order in the emergency shelter by applying and supporting the policies of SSRC in tandem with the shelter guest handbook.
- To supervise and offer guidance to shelter children in daily activities.
- To interact positively and appropriately with parents and children, offering emotional support and encouragement.
- To serve as a positive role model for shelter children and parents while teaching appropriate social skills, including public behavior, table manners and hygiene.
- To adhere to and actively participate in all scheduled activities (including recreation) and to encourage parents and children to do the same.

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Completion of Volunteer Training.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Experience with children and youth preferred.
- Proven ability to establish positive relationships with children, youth and adults.
- Possess sensitivity to the cultural differences that are present among the organization’s service population and staff.
- Has an ability to work in partnership with other members in a team approach.
- Has an ability to manage time, set priorities and to organize and follow structured routines.
- Maintain access to reliable transportation.

Training Requirements:

- Must complete volunteer training orientation.

Physical Demands: The Emergency Shelter Child Care Volunteer position requires the ability to work in stressful conditions from time to time and remain focused for extended periods of time. Ability to lift up to 30 pounds. Must be able to sit, stand, and talk for long periods of time.

Work Environment: The Emergency Shelter Child Care Volunteer will be based at the Southside Survivor Response Center, Inc. shelter location.

Benefits:

- Receive sexual and domestic violence training and experience.
- Acquire active listening skills and other valuable life skills for personal growth.
- Gain knowledge of area community resources.
- Service with dedicated volunteers.

I have read the above position description and the attached code of ethics and agree to the responsibilities, qualifications and training requirements listed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer Coordinator Signature _____ Date: _____

Executive Director Signature _____ Date: _____