

Kinship Mentor Volunteer Description

PURPOSE:

Healthy role modeling and companionship with a child

DUTIES:

- Responsible for initiating contacts with a child (minimum of 2x/month)
- Be consistent in meeting date; contacting the child or parent with changes in planned meetings
- Maintain ongoing monthly contact/consultation with Kinship staff; sharing concerns, highlights, ideas

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Dependability and enthusiasm
- Wide variety of interests
- Transportation and time to spend weekly/2x monthly with a child
- Non-judgmental attitude
- Love for children

TIME REQUIRED:

Average of 2-4 hours per contact 2x/month

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT:

Minimum of one year

REQUIREMENTS:

At least 18 years of age
Valid driver's license
Completion of required background checks
Completion of at least 3 reference checks
Ongoing communication with Kinship Coordinator

TRAINING PROVIDED:

Ongoing support and consultation with Kinship staff

SUPERVISOR:

Directly responsible to the area Kinship coordinator

BENEFITS:

- Experience the fulfillment of seeing a child develop self-confidence
- Help a child discover his/her strengths by being a reliable and dependable friend
- Experience the satisfaction of guiding a child with positive values
- Become part of an ongoing experience by reaching out and personally shaping another life