Youth Enrichment Volunteer
Children’s Programs

Our Club, Our Community

The Our Club out-of-school program is a great resource for residents of Our House and low-income families with school-age children. Every year, we provide **over 660 students** from kindergarten-12th grade a safe, consistent, and comfortable place to learn and grow. The Children’s Center is located on the Our House campus at **302 E Roosevelt Rd**. The Children’s Program VISTA coordinates between the Youth Enrichment Volunteers (YEVs), Children’s Center staff, and AmeriCorps members.
The Role of a Youth Enrichment Volunteer

As a Youth Enrichment Volunteer (YEV), you will be working directly with our youth clients to help them achieve their goals and assisting the office team with any administrative duties.

Description of Tasks

- Homework help: seeking volunteers with elementary to high school knowledge of English and mathematics
- Basic computer skills development: essay paper research, educational games, basic Microsoft Word, etc.
- Field trip supervision
- Classroom management: general assistance in supervising activities
- Provide positive reinforcement and promote healthy, non-violent behaviors
- Keep the playroom and childcare areas clean and organized
- Assist with crafts, games or free-play

Preferred Volunteer Times

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<th>Monday - Friday</th>
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Preferred Skills and Qualifications

- Experience working with youth (ages 5 to 16 years old)
- Be a minimum of 18 years old. Exceptions are made for students who are participating in an ongoing social service/community service program (one semester or more)
- Be comfortable volunteering within a group or individually
- Good verbal and communication skills
- Approachable and friendly
- Comfortable working with different temperaments and personalities
- Flexibility, patience and the ability to work with youth
Training and Support

All Our House volunteers receive a tour around the Our House campus, and they get training on the aspects of their volunteer role. All Children’s Center volunteers must undergo a background check (typically taking around 1 week to process), a Child Maltreatment Check, and a volunteer orientation (lasting around 1 hour). They also receive support, advice, and guidance from the Children’s Programs VISTA and Children’s Center team.

Benefits to Volunteer

All Our House volunteers will have the opportunity to make a difference in somebody’s life. A YEV is able to network and communicate with a range of individuals and groups. YEVs learn about childhood development from a hands-on approach.

Application Procedure

1. Application Form: available on the Our House website
   a. Includes check with NSOPW (registered sex offender list)
2. Informal Interview and orientation with Children’s Program VISTA
3. Child Maltreatment Check and Criminal Record check
   a. If you have lived outside of Arkansas in the last 5 years, FBI Record check is required

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