

**Position Title**: Children's Mentor

**Site:** Transitional Living Center

**Hours:** 3 hrs. /week minimum with a three month commitment **Reports To:** Transitional Living Center/EduCare AmeriCorps Volunteer

## **General Summary and Time Commitment:**

A Child Mentor will make a three-month commitment to ensure the healthy development of children living at the Transitional Living Center. Activities that volunteers may be asked to do include organizing group activities such as; team building, outdoor sports, teaching a craft or hosting activities such as tie-dyeing, group cooking, games, and reading activities. Child Mentors could be exposed to a high-risk population, including children with behavioral issues. Child mentors would help provide a positive environment for children to grow and heal in.

## **Principle Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 1. Provide mentoring and positive role modeling for children at TLC in an environment that is supportive, educational, safe, and consistent.
- 2. Ensure the safety and prosperity of every participating child
- 3. Work with a team of volunteers to actively engage children with their environment
- 4. De-escalate potentially volatile situations
- 5. Establish positive relationships and appropriate activities for children of varying ages
- 6. Plan and coordinate activities

## Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Volunteers must demonstrate an enthusiasm for engaging children in a variety of activities, and be able to host activities in an area of special interest, such as Arts & Crafts, Sports, Science, etc. Volunteers must demonstrate the ability to maintain order and structure with a large group of children.

## **Education and Experience:**

Some knowledge in Early Childhood Development or Trauma-Informed Care would be preferred. Experience working with children or high risk populations preferred.

Volunteer Signature:	<b>Date:</b>	
Staff Signature:	Date:	
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