

THE NEW YORK CENTER FOR CHILDREN

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The New York Center for Children is a privately funded, non-profit organization providing evaluations and therapy services to victims of child abuse and their families. Staff experts provide complete medical and clinical evaluations in a child-friendly and nurturing environment for children suspected of being victims of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect. All services are free of charge.

Volunteers make a real difference in the lives of abused children and their families. The Center's active volunteer program provides essential assistance and individualized care to those in need.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Case Tracking Volunteer

After a child is evaluated at the Center, volunteers make phone calls to families and professionals to determine if the Center's recommendations are followed and assist in the follow-through of recommendations when needed. In doing so, Case Tracking Volunteers help to ensure the safety and well-being of children evaluated at the Center and prevent further incidences of abuse from occurring. Case tracking also includes reading and summarizing child abuse cases in preparation for follow-up phone calls. This volunteer position can be highly emotionally taxing. Hours for case tracking are flexible, but an ideal case tracker should be able to come in for 2-3 hours at a time 3 out of 4 weeks.

Tutor

Volunteer Tutors have weekly one-on-one tutoring sessions with children to assist with reading, homework, and other educational activities. Tutoring is the same time every week for 45 minutes to an hour depending on the age of the child and takes place directly after or before the child's regularly scheduled therapy session at the Center. Thus days and hours vary depending on the child with which the volunteer is matched. Potential tutors should let the Volunteer Coordinator know their availability before accepting a tutoring assignment and should be able to consistently attend tutoring sessions.

Both Case Tracking and Tutoring are one-year minimum commitments.

Special Events Volunteer

Special Event Volunteers assist with client events, fundraising events, community outreach, and public speaking engagements. Projects include theme parties for clients at the Center such as our annual Holiday Party; literature tables at school and community fairs; and presentations at parenting workshops as well as assistance assembling gift bags and preparing materials for fundraisers.

Playroom Volunteer

Playroom Volunteers assist the Center's children in play activities while they are waiting for an interview or while their guardian is being interviewed. The Center has a wonderful playroom filled with toys, dolls and books. Playroom volunteers are usually needed mid-morning to early afternoon.

Steps to Joining Our Volunteer Team:

- Be over the age of eighteen
- Complete an application, including three references and a statement of confidentiality
- Interview with the Volunteer/Program Coordinator
- Pass a national background check, which includes a state registry of sexual offenders screening
- Attend in-service volunteer trainings

If you have questions, please contact Katie Schwartz, Volunteer/Program Coordinator, at katie@newyorkcenterforchildren.org or (212) 517-3012 x30.