

Getting Ahead in The Valley



Youth Development Leader Description

Overview of Position	Plan and provide engaging activities in a safe environment and supervision to children during Getting Ahead group meetings (1 ½ hrs.).
Specific Tasks	<p>Along with volunteers, provide children ages 0 to early teens with support and activities</p> <p>Keep youth areas neat and organized</p> <p>Oversee and assist with homework, crafts, games or free-play</p> <p>Submit written request for needed materials.</p> <p>Act as a positive role- model</p> <p>Provide positive reinforcement, promoting non – violent behaviors</p> <p>Ensure open communication with parents</p> <p>Communicate with other volunteers regarding facility, program, participant needs</p> <p>Maintain confidentiality, maintain values of dignity, empowerment and respect with all participants, children and other volunteers</p>
Time Commitment	<p>Commitment to 17 weeks of 2 ½ hours each week (Thursday evenings 5:00 – 7:30) followed by;</p> <p>1 ½ hours per month for 6 months (Thursday evenings 5:30 – 7:00)</p>
Requirements	<p>18 years or older, Volunteer Orientation, PA Background Checks for volunteers</p> <p>http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf</p> <p>https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp</p>
Skills/ Education	<p>Enjoy being with children, awareness of safety concerns, guide children’s behavior in positive, supportive, and age-appropriate ways.</p> <p>Knowledge of PA childcare ratios</p> <p>Knowledge of best practices for child safety</p>
Experience	Personal or professional experience providing care to children is required
Benefits to the Volunteer	<p>Family – style meal is offered on Thursdays to all families and volunteers</p> <p>Experience working with children from diverse families</p>

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