

Family Violence Group Services Volunteer

Position Title: Family Violence Group Services Volunteer	
Supervisor Name: Paula De Jesus	
Main CDI Location for Placement: 197 Euclid Avenue	
CDI Program (if applicable): Family Violence Services	
Days & Times of Placement: Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 9:00/10:00pm (depending on group)	
Taste of Home: 3 to 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday	
Start Date: Groups start various times during year	End Date: Various times during the year

Purpose of the Position:

- To assist with the co-facilitate of a trauma focused, psycho-educational children’s group with one of the following programs:
 - Here to Help Program** for mothers and children healing from past experiences of domestic violence
 - **Transitions Group** is a drop-in program for mothers and children exposed to domestic violence – children receive emotional regulation and social skills development through a cooking program and mothers receive emotional and parenting support in their group
 - Taste of Home** is an after school cooking program designed to help children ages 6 to 16 living in shelters adapt to shelter life, while encouraging them to develop skills that promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Volunteer Position includes: preparation for group sessions, participation in briefing sessions, sharing meal with families, participating in family interactive session, co-facilitating small children’s or mother’s group, note-taking, participating in debriefing and assisting with discharge report writing

Skills Required:

- Preferably a degree in social service/sciences or currently studying towards degree
- Interest in working from a trauma informed, anti-oppression framework
- Understand the impact intimate partner violence has on the family systems and child development
- Understand creative ways of working with children to assist them with safety planning, emotional literacy & regulation, tap into and heal from their personal stories of abuse

- Good writing skills as students will be involved in formulating assessment and intervention plans, weekly documentation and report writing
- A good understanding of confidentiality, social work ethics and duty to report requirements
- Good problem solving skills and crisis management skills

Key Responsibilities:

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Orientation/Training:

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Volunteers participate in Volunteer Orientation that will highlight:

- Agency services and Family Violence Services
- Overview of Group Program
- Understanding Woman Abuse and Child Exposure in Canada
- Theoretical approaches informing work
- Review of group structure
- Review of Sessional Topics

Volunteers will participate in Group Orientation Night where they will work with their co-facilitator in preparing to work with their group clients

Supervision:

Students in this position will participate in weekly clinical supervision.

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Evaluation:

Child Development Institute evaluates volunteers annually in June. Volunteer receive their evaluation via mail unless an in-person meeting is requested. All mailed evaluations will be sent by August 31st.

Due to the high volume of applicants, please note that only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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