ALEXANDER
YOUTH NETWORK

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

VOLUNTEER TITLE: Recreation Volunteer

DESCRIPTION: An individual who provides recreational activities to a group of children designed as an outlet for enrichment. Recreational activities will always have staff supervision. On site activities could include planning and implementing social events such as holiday celebrations, games, arts and crafts and physical activities such as basketball or other sports and exercise activities. All recreational activities should be age and duration appropriate, appealing to children and geared to meet their needs. Volunteer may choose a specific activity such as gardening, storytelling, fitness, drama, dance, or another specific activity based on their skill set. Visits can occur weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly for 30 minutes - one hour with the emphasis on scheduling activities during school hours (day treatment program) or after-school/evenings and weekends.

REQUIREMENTS:
1. Minimum age requirement is twenty-one.
2. Must be a local resident for at least six months before volunteering.
3. Complete an application with references, background checks, and interviews with staff members at the agency.
4. Complete orientation with staff to better understand the special needs of our youth, agency mission, and agency expectations.

RESPONSIBILITES:
1. Plan and provide activities that are appropriate for the individual clients.
2. Consistently strive to balance personal needs, agency needs, and clients' needs.
3. Work closely with direct care staff and volunteer services staff to ensure a successful experience for all involved.
4. Participate in volunteer evaluation process and provide regular feedback to staff.
5. Commit to working as a member of the AYN team and make all decisions in the best interest of the agency and the youth we serve.

TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED:
1. Minimum of six months duration.
2. Weekly-monthly visits to the main campus.

Contact the Volunteer Engagement Officer at 704-227-9115 or anieves@aynkids.org for more information.