

Options Program Volunteer Tutor Mentor

Program Summary:

The Options Program at Family Service Toronto is dedicated to creating welcoming, inclusive communities where everyone can contribute their skills and talents. Options works city-wide, supporting individuals and families, adults and children, couples and communities. The Program's focus on equity and inclusion is guided by a person-directed approach and puts us wherever individuals and families need us.

Volunteer Position Summary:

We are looking for a friendly volunteer to provide assistance and time to support a male youth who has autism and is non-verbal.

Core responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain a supportive, friendly relationship with an individual with a label of developmental disability
- Assist the youth, who is with learning how to use his new computer communication app
- Assist with life skills such as cooking
- Keep regular contact with supervisor to discuss progress

Qualifications:

- Experience working with individuals who have a label of developmental disability and/or an eagerness to support someone with a developmental disability
- Experience or eagerness to support individuals who have autism with communication and engagement in their community
- Computer literacy/technology skills
- Strong communication skills
- Interest in building a relationship based on the person's strengths, abilities and gifts
- Reliable
- Non-judgmental
- Patient
- Ability to maintain clear boundaries
- Demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality
- Respectful of individual's right for self-determination

- An ability to speak Vietnamese or Cantonese is an asset but not required, as the youth understands English

Time commitment:

- Saturday or Sunday, day and time of day to be mutually agreed upon by volunteer and client
- Minimum of one visit per month, 4 to 7 hours depending on the volunteer's availability. Frequency of visits will be confirmed at the outset of the placement.
- We request a minimum commitment of 6 months

Location:

- Activities will take place in the client's home or in the community in the Jane and Finch area

Orientation and Training:

- General orientation to Family Service Toronto will be provided by Volunteer Resources
- Training specific to role will be provided by the client's Community Resource Facilitator

Benefits:

- Opportunity to gain experience working within the Developmental Disability Sector
- Personal satisfaction received in assisting an individual with an intellectual disability
References may be provided upon successful completion of the volunteer commitment

FST conducts a Police Records Check for successful applicants for this position and clearance must be obtained prior to starting the volunteer placement.

Please apply for this position online using the FST [Volunteer Application Form](#) and attach a résumé and cover letter to your application.

FST is committed to a policy of equity and inclusion. In accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and FST's Access and Equity policy, accommodation will be provided in all parts of the recruitment process. Applicants need to make their needs known in advance.

We thank all applicants and will contact the individuals selected for an interview.