



Options Program Volunteer Tutor/Mentor (Woodbine & Danforth)

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 volunteer to provide assistance and time to support an individual who is a senior and has a label of developmental disability.

Core responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain a supportive, friendly relationship with the individual
- Assist the individual with learning how to use his computer
- 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
- Computer literacy
- Creative
- Good listening skills
- Reliable
- Non-judgemental
- Patient
- Ability to maintain clear boundaries with supported individual
- Respectful of individual's right for self-determination
- Demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality
- Demonstrated commitment to principles of equity and inclusion

Time commitment:

- Visits may be weekly or bi-weekly. Frequency of visits will be confirmed at the outset of the placement.
- Day of the week or time of day to be mutually agreed upon by the volunteer and client
- We request a minimum commitment of 6 months

Location:

- Most visits will take place in the individual's home in the Woodbine & Danforth area or occasionally in the community.

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 to reach her educational goals
- 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 through the [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.