

## Children's Services Volunteer

Minimum 4-hour shift/week for 6+ months; Bilingual preferred; Concord area

### **About STAND!**

STAND! For Families Free of Violence recognizes the devastating impact family violence has on children. We lead the community in building safe and strong families through crisis intervention services, legal advocacy, safe residential programming, community prevention and education, and by empowering victims to rebuild their lives. Read more about our mission-driven agency at [www.standffov.org](http://www.standffov.org).

Our volunteers help our organization run - they staff our 24-hour Crisis Line, support our emergency shelter, make presentations in the community, and help with the day-to-day operations. Our philosophy is that volunteers are powerful agents of change from the community who are choosing to partner with us in order to break the multi-generational cycle of violence.

Because we hold high standards for the services and programs we provide to our clients, both staff and volunteers must go through at least Tier 1 of our training. You will graduate from the training with the skills and tools you need in order to be an effective team member and to be able to advocate to end domestic violence in our community.

### **About Your Role**

Our Emergency Shelter includes Child and Teen Programming. These programs are trauma-informed to help them process the violence that they have witnessed and experienced, while at the same time being fun and playful. As a Children's Activity Provider at our Emergency Shelter, you will first and foremost be establishing a safe place where children can be children. Your role may include leading activities, playing games, reading, helping with school work, etc. You will also help build a safe and orderly environment for them to interact in. All volunteers will be supported by staff, including time to meet one-on-one with the Children's Caseworker as part of your shift.

### **There are several different roles for volunteers to choose from:**

- **Rainbow Room** (M-F 9:15 – 1:15): The Rainbow Room includes activities for children typically between ages 2-5. Your shift includes prep-time, time supporting children's activities and supervision, and clean-up time. You will also be on-call to provide support to children between 12-1:15 if their guardian has a meeting with their caseworker. On days when there are no children present, you will support the Children's Caseworker to sanitize and organize the room, prepare projects, etc.
- **Homework Club** (M-F 2-6): After school, children and teens are invited to attend Homework Club to receive support on their school work and/or to socialize. Your shift includes time to help prepare and clean-up. Prior to Homework Club you will be on-call to provide support to children if their guardian has a meeting with their caseworker. On days when there are no children present, you will support the Children's Caseworker to sanitize and organize the room, prepare projects, etc.
- **Evening Meetings and Special Events** (varies): There are weekly RMC Community Meetings and Parenting Groups. You will provide children's activities while parents are in group. There are also special events for the children like holiday celebrations, game/movie nights, etc.

### **Requirements**

- Prefer CPR/First Aid certification
- Ability to lift and carry 25 lbs
- Complete all 3 Tier Trainings
- Clear a background and criminal history check
- Minimum of 4-hour shift/week