

Volunteer Position Description

Volunteer Position Title: Social Capital Volunteer

Location(s): Locations for this position will vary depending on need.

Position Overview:

Volunteers will develop relationships with moms in Women United's two-generation work with the Project WIN cohort sharing friendship, knowledge, resources, skills and support in a variety of ways based on the needs of the families. These relationships will help families develop social capital to build confidence and provide opportunities as families increase their ability to meet their basic needs, educate themselves and their children, and achieve optimal health and well-being.

Key Responsibilities:

- Maintain communications with the family coach and United Way contact as appropriate.
- Attend required training and orientations.
- Be respectful and aware of cultural norms.
- Keep scheduled commitments and alert appropriate people when schedule changes (mom, family coach, United Way contact, etc.).
- Provide feedback about pilot opportunity.

Initial Impacts: The Opportunity Alliance and United Way of Greater Portland are partnering on this volunteer opportunity in order to build a structure to better assist moms in the Project WIN cohort with the challenges they face.

Sustained Outcomes: The hope is to assist families with specific needs/ barriers. Moms have the competence, confidence and social connection skills they need to be successful parents and worker.

Training & Support Provided:

- Volunteers will attend two sessions, 1½ hour orientation and a 2-hour training including a presentation from Welcoming the Stranger regarding cultural humility, boundaries, etc.
- Volunteers will be assigned a liaison to contact with questions, concerns and/or schedule changes.

Time Commitment/Schedule:

- Volunteers are asked to commit to six months with the opportunity to renew.
- Time commitment will vary based on needs of family and availability of volunteer.

Qualifications & Skills Needed:

- Volunteers should be flexible and have a desire to help.
- Must have ability to problem solve.
- Volunteers must successfully pass a criminal background check and have a valid driver's license.

Benefits:

- Develop a strong connection with families in the cohort.
- Cultural experience.
- Ability to see their Women United investments at work.

Liaison/ Supervisor: Project WIN Family Coach; Women United Manager.