

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Chatham County Together! One-on-one Mentor

MAJOR OBJECTIVE: to be friend and role model for an “of-promise” youth by: Providing a caring one-on-one relationship by offering meaningful social, educational, recreational and vocational experiences, by providing positive attention and monitoring which will help the young person to develop positive self esteem, new interests and the necessary skills to become a successful adult

QUALIFICATIONS: is caring, committed, and dependable and displays good social and moral judgment; is at least 18 years of age with reliable transportation.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CHILD:

- Takes the lead in maintaining the relationship
- See your youth 1-4 hours each week
- Be an effective listener, friend and confidant
- Plan activities which are mutually enjoyable
- View the youngster as a valuable person
- Support acceptable behaviors. Set limits
- Participate in the programs group activities
- Contact the Director immediately if a problem arises

SCREENING AND TRAINING:

1. Complete an application form which lists four personal references
2. Give permission for an SBI and local criminal history check,(MCP requires a fingerprint check)
3. Attend 3 hours of training which includes program rules & procedures, building relationships, listening skills, role playing and problem solving
4. Participate in a personal interview in your home

A screening committee will then review your application. Once approved, then our volunteer coordinators will begin finding a good match that reflects your interests, place of residence within the county and any specific requests you may have for a youth.

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT:

Volunteers are asked to spend an average of 1-4 hours per week for a total of one year. After one year, the match is re-evaluated and may be continued if both the volunteer and the young person agree.

SUPERVISION: Program staff will keep in contact with the volunteer once per week for the first six weeks of the match; once every three weeks thereafter. The volunteer should also contact the staff on a regular basis.