

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Childcare Resources Education Center has a variety of ways for volunteers to help. Your schedule will determine how much time you want to spend at the center. You can be:

**An Occasional Volunteer.** These are individuals who want to help occasionally but are unable to make a regular, ongoing time commitment. You may:

- Assist with crafts and art projects
- Help children garden outdoors
- Share your special talents, like music, art or drama with children
- Sit and talk with children during mealtimes
- Give individual attention to children by just chatting or sharing stories
- Share your special interests with children (travel, cooking, gardening, etc.)
- Help clean & organize classrooms (tables, toys, buggies, shelves, sanitizing, laundry)
- Playground maintenance (garden upkeep, putting away outdoor toys)
- Generally helping as needed; an extra hand is always appreciated

**A Regular Volunteer.** These individuals are willing to commit to a regular schedule of limited time, for example, two hours every Tuesday morning. We will count on you and assign specific tasks to you. We especially need volunteers when the children are arriving each morning (6:30am-8:30am), during lunch time (11am-1pm), and at the end of the day (3:30-5:30pm). You may:

- Do any of the above
- Substitute for teachers during lunches, breaks, planning periods
- Answer phone or filing for the Center Director
- Assist teachers with children on the playground
- Read to, sing or dance with children individually or in small groups
- Accompany children and teachers on walks
- Help prepare snacks or lunches
- Greet families at the beginning or end of the day
- Create/update bulletin boards in classrooms, displaying children's work and parent information
- Call parents to remind them about an event or relay other information
- Put together newsletters and help with other mailings
- Run errands, pick up supplies or materials as needed

**A Full Day Volunteer.** These individuals are able to commit to working as a volunteer for a full eight hour day as needed. These people will act as substitute staff in the event of an absence by paid staff. Advance notice may be short although sometimes we will know well in advance (teacher vacations, etc.). Full Day Volunteers will never be on their own with the children and will be in a supporting role with a trained professional.

*All volunteers who come in contact with children must consent to a background check.  
Training will be provided for all volunteers. For more information about how you can help,  
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