



Volunteer Program

Volunteering is essential to all Head Start programs throughout the United States. The success of the program depends upon active participation of parents and others in the community. Your knowledge, time and talent can all contribute to this effort.

By Volunteering, you will become acquainted with the Long Island Head Start program, see its strengths and goals, and help staff make it a fun learning experience for all. There are many ways that volunteers can contribute and each volunteer comes to the program with different experiences, skills, and talents. Each has a unique contribution to make.

What You Can Offer

- Read or tell a story
- Work closely with one child
- Play a game
- Talk with a child
- Sew smocks or aprons
- Share a hobby or talent
- Supervise children in activity
- Clean up after eating
- Encourage dramatic play
- Arrange a bulletin board
- Play a musical instrument
- Supervise on the playground
- Plant flowers

Why Volunteer?

- Volunteers receive work experience, training and support.
- Head Start parent volunteers in leadership become partners in operating the program.
- Volunteers pride and ownership in the program extends to the surrounding community.
- Volunteers provide increased services to children and families.
- Volunteers are positive role models to children and families.
- Opportunities to be Involved as a Student
- Use as a student teaching and practicum placement
- Gain experience with various resources and goal setting with families through active participation with family advocates.
- Use Head Start as a resource for projects and papers
- Gain public relations/marketing skills by participating in the family recruiting process
- Gain clerical and switchboard skills and experience assisting with daily office management.

Volunteer's Role

- Be a Positive Behavioral and Language role model
- Expand on children's learning
- Interact with children at child's level
- Provide positive guidance techniques
- Follow Dress Code of School
- Appropriate professional behavior
- Record-keeping (Sign Volunteer In-Kind forms)

