



## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY DIVISION

#### Volunteer Program

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The Volunteer Program at the Department of Human Services, Children Youth and Family Division, partners with the community to help families succeed. Your time, attention, and commitment as a volunteer or donor will enhance the lives of our children and families who are in need while utilizing our services. Your support can make a big difference and have a positive impact!

- **Donate/Fund-Raise**

- Disposable Diapers and Wipes, sizes 0-6 (especially sizes 3-5, ongoing need) Some groups have drives for us!
- Adult Diapers for medically and physically fragile adults who are connected with Adult Protection Services
- New Coats (with the tag still on) for children ages 0-18 (especially teens, winter months)
- Small, disposable toiletries such as: tooth brushes, travel size tooth paste, travel size deodorant, throw away face wash cloths or body wipes. (ongoing need)
- Suitcases - New or gently used and clean, for kids/teens (as needed)

- **Sponsor/Host**

- **Sponsor the Oasis Mentor Activity Program** - Help support Oasis even if you cannot commit to mentoring for a year! We purchase activities for our mentors, such as movie tickets, Fort Fun, museums, recreation centers, pottery barns and restaurants. (Monetary values from \$5-\$25 each.) Donation amounts are up to you.
- **Holiday Giving for Thanksgiving and Christmas** – Groups help support our families by hosting basket or giving tree drives

- **Plan/Teach**

Motivated Volunteers can take initiative in planning, teaching and supervising activities for children ages 8 – 16, who are waiting for mentors or who are in a stable mentoring relationship. In the past volunteers have planned activities such as:

- **Arts and crafts** (scrap booking, art camps, reading clubs, beading, etc.)
- **Teaching new skills** (dance lessons, chess club, home finances, budgeting, college/job applications, etc.)
- **Sports or recreational activities** (Basketball, skating, hiking, swimming, yoga, etc.)

- **Mentor – Family or Youth**

- You don't need special skills to volunteer as a mentor. Being a caring adult willing to listen, share experience, teach life skills and offer encouragement to a child or young parent as an **Oasis Mentor** is an amazing gift. The time commitment is approximately 3 hours per week. However, a 1 year, committed relationship (or more) is most beneficial. Mentoring empowers and enhances the future success of young people every day; one caring moment at a time.

For more information about how you or your group can be a "CYF Partner" we have four easy informational options:

- 20 minute presentations by the volunteer coordinator at your site
- Attend a Volunteer Informational Meeting at CYF (held 6 times a year)
- Invite us to host a free table at your next Community or Church Event
- Fill out our application online at [www.Larimer.org/humanservices/volunteer](http://www.Larimer.org/humanservices/volunteer)

