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# Oasis MENTORING\*

1 to 3 hours a week with Mentee expected

1 year commitment preferred

Specialized, ongoing training and support

Careful and thoughtful matching process

Support with some activity expenses

Monthly feedback and communication

Access to group activities and resources

*\*Member Larimer County Mentoring Coalition*

## A LIFELINE FROM THE HEART

*"Being Jacob's mentor has really done more for me than I ever realized it would. He appreciates me listening and I see the world through his eyes, a world I had forgotten to truly look at."*

*-Bill, Oasis Mentor*



DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN YOUTH &  
FAMILY DIVISION

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Larimer County Department of Human Services  
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY DIVISION

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# GET INVOLVED

It takes healthy adults as friends and role models to help struggling families succeed. Your time, attention and dedication as a volunteer can make a big difference in the lives of our children, who are typically victims of neglect, abuse and trauma. The youth we serve may have challenging behaviors or medical and developmental obstacles preventing them from experiencing healthy, productive lives. Your dedication enhances the work we do at the Children, Youth & Family Division (CYF.)

Each new volunteer is interviewed, screened, trained and supported by the program coordinator and staff. Contact us today to learn how to volunteer or fill out an application online.



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## ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Volunteer Program is all about engaging the community. Our Family Options philosophy at CYF includes partnering with volunteers and interns from all walks of life, diverse ethnicities, cultures and backgrounds.

**Without YOU we could not address these critical areas:**

- Recovery of abused and neglected children
- Preventing repeated abuse and neglect
- Deterring youth's criminal and/or risky behavior
- Supporting families in the recovery process
- Improving self-esteem and increasing future success

**Through the volunteer program, regular donations and Oasis Mentoring, the community plays an important role.**

## WHO DO WE SERVE?

Children from families who are involved with the Department of Human Services, Children Youth & Family Division on a voluntary or court ordered basis

Youth ages 10 – 17 who are involved in the Criminal Justice System

Foster and adoptive children who have an open case with the CYF Division

Developmentally disabled or medically fragile children whom the CYF Division serves

## IS VOLUNTEERING RIGHT FOR ME?

Our Volunteers and Community Partners range in age from 18 to 85! They are college students, graduates, young professionals and retirees. Single people, former foster and adopted children, or foster parents who have an understanding of the system are welcome to apply. Many are parents and even grandparents, and some come from faith based community ministries or civic organizations that have a heart for helping children.

We ask for a one year commitment from Oasis Mentors, because our children and families may have experienced multiple changes and losses in their lives already. You are not limited to one year. Some Mentors form caring relationships that last a lifetime!

## MATCHING SKILLS WITH NEEDS

The Volunteer Program matches people with families and children, based on their needs. We consider skills, abilities, interests, location and schedule and focus on personal strengths. This improves the benefits to our families and makes your volunteer experience rewarding and meaningful.

Some examples of volunteer opportunities include:

- Art camp, craft workshops, music instruction, dance classes
- Sports activities, recreation outings, nature hikes, art gallery trips
- Partnering with non-profit agencies to help our families
- Celebrating Drug & Alcohol Recovery Program success
- Baking, cooking, sewing, cleaning
- Tutoring or college preparation
- Basic household budgeting assistance
- Finding bikes, christmas gifts, toys and educational materials
- Finding community resources for families
- Assisting with diaper drives
- Transporting and supervising children in programs
- School required internships with ongoing case work teams, Youth Services and NYPUM (National Youth Program Using Minibikes)

## MENTORING

