

Volunteer Job Description

Reach Out and Read Program at Nationwide Children's Hospital

Assignment: Reach Out and Read

Location: Nationwide Children's Hospital Primary Care Centers (11 locations throughout Central Ohio)

Days/Hours: Varies depending on location

Responsible to: Janel Field | (614) 355-0520
Reach Out and Read Volunteer Coordinator

Basic Purpose:

Volunteers make the appointment wait time more comfortable for children and families by providing exposure to literature and music, while reinforcing developing language skills. Volunteers transform the waiting area into a fun, interactive learning environment.

Typical Duties:

- Engage children in literacy and music related activities
- Read books to children
- Use songs and instruments as learning tools
- Initiate interactive activities: coloring, puzzles, etc.
- Encourage children and families to select books to read together
- Make reference information readily available for families, such as library membership applications, local music resources, newsletters, and adult literacy information

Qualifications:

- Must attend hospital volunteer orientation
- Must attend Reach Out and Read orientation, which may be conducted in group or individual setting
- Willingness to interact with children in a public area
- Ability to work with children of different ages in a group setting
- Good communication skills
- Open to working with diverse cultures
- Ability to work with little supervision
- Ability to adjust communication to children's level
- Compliance with hospital policies as instructed during orientation, including rules on confidentiality

Obligation:

Six months / 60 hours

