

Volunteer Reader 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

DAYS/HOURS: Varies depending on location

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Reach Out and Read Literacy Volunteer Coordinator

BASIC PURPOSE:

To make the waiting time more comfortable for children and families while at the same time providing exposure to literature and reinforcing developing literacy skills. Transform the waiting area into a positive learning environment by incorporating thematic based activities.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

- Read books to children in the waiting area
- Offer books to parents
- Initiate monthly theme based activities
- Initiate literacy activities: coloring, puzzles, simple craft projects, etc
- Assist with maintaining waiting areas by organizing books and toys
- Make reference information readily available for families such as library membership applications, newsletters, and adult literacy information
- Encourage children and families to select books to read together while waiting in exam rooms.

QUALIFICATION:

- 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 well 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



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