

## **Use your desire to mentor youth to help Foster Youth and Families in need**

Our Children's Homestead is a Foster Care and Adoption agency that primarily serves youth who require specialized care. Our mission is to build a strong, stable foundation of support for each youth we serve and to develop opportunities that enable them to discover and sustain a positive future. To assist us in achieving this mission, we are currently seeking **Mentors** in our Naperville and Rockford, Illinois locations.

Our Children's Homestead (OCH) works to match each foster child with a mentor who has similar interests and assures that our children have the opportunity to learn life skills such as healthy relationships, self care, the importance of community, and work readiness - within the context of a warm, supportive, caring mentor relationship. Through OCH's mentoring program, we are committed to assuring our children are well prepared to be independent, successful citizens.

This is a contracted position that will be part of Our Children's Homestead Clinical Division. Compensation for this position will be \$23.00/hour.

### **Primary Responsibilities and Expectations** (Other duties may be assigned)

- Be dependable and consistent in meeting mentoring time commitment(s);
- Take the lead in supporting mentee(s) through an ongoing, one-to-one relationship;
- Serve as a positive role model and friend who helps to build positive self-esteem and motivation;
- Meet with mentee(s) on a regular basis to establish working relationship and to support mentee(s) in treatment plan goals;
- Strong listening skills;
- Ability to establish a relationship based on equal responsibility and respect;
- Practical problem-solving skills and ability to suggest options and alternatives;
- Attend mentor training and support sessions as required;
- Be willing to communicate regularly with OCH program staff about mentee(s);

- Assist mentee(s) in solving work-related and other problems that interfere with mentee's success at work or at school; and
- Timely and accurate completion/submission of activity logs and documentation required to document visits and activities

### **Education and/or Experience**

- Must possess a current State of Illinois Driver's License.
- Must have experience working with adolescents
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must be interested in working with young people
- Must have access to an automobile, auto insurance, and a good driving record
- Must pass background check
- Knowledge and utilization of word processing software to complete documentation

Our Children's Homestead Mentors develop meaningful relationships with foster children so each child knows yet another adult in their OCH community cares. The most crucial aspect of mentoring success is the quality of this child/mentor relationship.

*Our Children's Homestead is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment regardless of personal characteristics or status.*

**To formally express your interest in this position, please send your cover letter and resume to [hr@ourchildrenshomestead.org](mailto:hr@ourchildrenshomestead.org)**