



Heartland Human Care Services, Inc.

Refugee & Immigrant Community Services Early Childhood Education Intern *Reports to: Associate Director, Refugee Family Services*

Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights helps people living in poverty or danger to improve their lives and realize their human rights. From a refugee fleeing violence and torture to a resident of public housing trying to escape the cycle of poverty, Heartland Alliance helps people in the toughest of circumstances—who often have no place else to go. For more than 120 years, Heartland Alliance has provided hope, opportunity, and solutions—through both services and advocacy. Our work spans across four key areas [housing, health care, legal protections, and economic opportunity], creating paths from crisis to stability and on to success.

RICS Youth and Family services is looking for interns to help staff the RICS child care room at our Ravenswood location. Volunteers will provide early childhood activities and child care services with a commitment to the principles of family support and strengths-based practice. Child care activities will occur for children, ages 0-7, who have parents participating on site in RICS literacy and job development classes. The RICS Child Care room is open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.

Responsibilities of this position include:

- Provide oversight, guidance and instruction for children ages 0 – 7 whose parents and/or guardians are participants in RICS onsite adult literacy classes (experience working with this age group preferred).
- Experience developing early childhood curriculum preferred
- Interdependency skills are required
- Must be extremely motivated, assertive, and a self-starter
- Willingness to work in a diverse environment
 - Ability to speak a second language preferable, but not required
 - Important to have a passion for learning about other cultures
 - Able to work with both children and parents alike. The Volunteer will act as a team leader in team teaching situations. Duties will include tutoring young children in math and reading.
- Possess quick reaction to unforeseen program changes, and the ability to solve problems on the spot.
- Students must also have transportation to and from site.

Qualifications:

- Have an interest in working with refugees in a multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and multi-ethnic environment
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Patience and flexibility
- Language proficiency in Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, French Kirundi, Kinyarwanda, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish, and Uzbek preferred (but not required)
- Need to be committed to work schedule created by the student and the agency
- Availability of 8 – 19 hours per week, minimum 3 month commitment

Internship may be shortened or lengthened depending on student's schedule.

For more information regarding the program and/or the application process, please contact:

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