

Project YES

Volunteers of America's Project YES (Youth Enrichment & Support) is a children/youth residential treatment program. Project YES provides group homes and shelters for children/youth ages 11-17 and supportive living apartments for youth ages 16-21. All of the children/youth who come to these programs are referred by the NJ children's protective services agencies (DYFS) and are in need of safe, family style living and learning environments that will help them become successful in society.

Volunteer Position Title: Tutor/Mentor

Contact: David Z. Taylor, Program Director (732) 827.2447

Purpose of Job: To assist program staff in helping children/youth improve their academic abilities. Help with homework, math and reading skills and computer projects for school.

Commitment Required: A minimum commitment of 2 hours per week for a 3-month period is required. Volunteer tutors must also receive a full orientation and mini-training to the program before beginning to assist staff.

Duties May Include but are not limited to:

- Work with staff on completing youth homework
- Work with staff on helping youth read for pleasure or for school
- Work with staff on helping youth do math
- Report to staff any difficulties or achievements observed

Qualifications Needed:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must have history of working with children
- Must have background in education
- Must be reliable and responsible

Training/Orientation Provided

- Volunteer tutors will receive orientation to the activities of the program and to agency methods of intervening in scholastic work with children.
- **Location of Job:** Volunteer tutors are needed at group homes in Wayne, Clifton Jersey City, West Paterson and Plainfield. (Please call contact above for more detailed information).

Volunteer Benefits

- The knowledge that your work provides hope, healing and makes a difference
- Subscription to *Everyday Miracles*, Volunteers of America's bi-annual newsletter
- Invitations to volunteer appreciation events

