



Volunteer Opportunities

You're compelled to help. That can literally mean the world to our clients.

Become a Mentor

Youth who are living a difficult home life can often experience a world of improvement when paired with a caring, attentive mentor who can support and work with them through challenges and insecurities.

For many of our clients, a mentor becomes one of the few positive role models and sources of stability in their lives. As a mentor, you can help a child reach their potential, provide a supportive presence, and have some fun! Mentors walk away from their experience knowing that they have given their mentees the hope and confidence to move forward and live a healthy, happy life.

Mentors must be at least 21 years old and be able to commit to two outings a month, and one phone call a week for one year.

Become a Tutor

Many of our caregivers often lack the time and/or resources to nurture their children's academic success. As a tutor, you can support children in achieving their academic goals and aspirations. Tutors don't just help improve a child's grades, but they can give a child the confidence needed to succeed in and out of school. We offer our kids, ages 4-18, tutoring in a variety of subject areas to ensure that they reach the top of the class!

Tutors must be at least 16 years old and commit to at least one hour per week that matches their assigned student's schedule for at least three months.

Engage in our Mental Health Activity Center

We pride ourselves on being able to help more and more kids each year - our Mental Health Activity Center volunteers are instrumental in making this a reality.

In our after-school center volunteers can engage with our kids in a small classroom-like setting by coordinating arts and crafts activities, playing games, reading, assisting with homework, and helping with the computers. The Education Center is open Monday-Thursday from 2 - 7 PM each week.

Mental Health Activity Center volunteers must be at least 16 years old and commit to at least two hours per week.

Additional Opportunities

In addition to working with our kids, we often need volunteers to assist with ensuring the smooth operation of the agency. These activities include but are not limited to: sorting donations; assisting with our special client events, e.g.: Annual Holiday Party and Back to School Event, by helping with set up, running arts and crafts



tables, games, and clean up; and helping with occasional office work.

There are no minimum time commitments as these activities occur year-round; however, volunteers must still be at least 16 years old.

Program Requirements

All volunteers must:

- Be at least 16 years old (21 years old for mentoring);
- Complete Live Scan for fingerprints through the DOJ/FBI (VIP will reimburse the cost);
- Show proof of clear TB skin test within last 6 months;
- Take and pass a drug test (VIP will provide paperwork needed, test is free);
- Provide a valid Driver License and Insurance (for mentoring only);
- Be reliable, responsible and trustworthy.



Volunteer Application

Please complete this form and include all requested information.

Date: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Gender: _____

DOB: _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No

If yes, Driver's License Number: _____

Do you have a United States Social Security Number? Yes No

Please note, that if you not have a SSN, you are ineligible to volunteer with VIP due to our clearance requirements as mandated by state and federal law.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List your present and prior work experience, beginning with your most recent experience. Although you are welcome to attach your resume, we require that this section be completed.

Employer #1

Company Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:		



Position:
Briefly Describe Your Responsibilities:

Employer #2

Company Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:		
Position:		
Briefly Describe Your Responsibilities:		

EDUCATION

Please enter all education completed to date and/or in the process of completion.

	Name	Graduation Year	Area of Study
High School			
College/University			
Graduate School			

BACKGROUND

The following questions will help us get to know you and your interests as a VIP volunteer. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability.

1. What volunteer programs are you interested in at VIP?
 - Mentoring Tutoring Mental Health Activity Center
 - Other:



2. Why do you want to volunteer with VIP? _____

3. What skills and experience will you bring to VIP? _____

4. What would you like to learn or gain from your volunteer experience with VIP?

5. Please describe any special talents, skills, hobbies, or interests. _____

6. How did you hear about VIP? (i.e. VolunteerMatch, Website, etc.) _____



7. Have you or are you currently volunteering for another organization?
 Yes No

If yes, please fill out your experience below:

Organization Name:
Supervisor:
Email:
Phone:
Length of Service:
Briefly Describe Your Responsibilities:
Reason for Leaving:

May we contact your supervisor? Yes No

MENTORING

Please only fill out this section if you are interested in mentoring. You must be at least 21 years old to be a VIP Mentor.

1. Are you available for up to a one-year commitment of two community outings per month and one phone call per week with your mentee? Yes No
2. What age-range would you feel most comfortable mentoring?
(Please check all that apply)

Ages 8-10 Ages 10-12 Ages 12-14 Ages 14-16 Ages 16-18



TUTORING

Please only fill out this section if you are interested in tutoring. You must be 16 years old or over to be a VIP Tutor.

- Are you available for a six-month commitment of at least one hour of tutoring per week? Yes No
- Which grade levels would you feel most comfortable tutoring?
(Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 th
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st & 2 nd	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 th
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 9 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 th

- What subjects would you feel most comfortable tutoring?
(Please check all that apply)

Math History English
 Spanish Science Other: _____

- What is your availability for tutoring? (Please mark all time slots that apply)

	3:00-4:00pm	4:00-5:00pm	5:00-6:00pm	6:00-7:00pm
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				



MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY CENTER

Please only fill out this section if you are interested in working with children in our Mental Health Activity Center, Monday through Thursday 2:00pm to 7:00pm. You must be 16 years old or over to be an MHAC volunteer.

1. What is your availability during the week to volunteer in the Mental Health Activity Center?

	Please list your availability for each day (e.g. 2:00-3:00pm, 3:00-7:00pm)
Monday 2:00-7:00pm	
Tuesday 2:00-7:00pm	
Wednesday 2:00-7:00pm	
Thursday 2:00-7:00pm	

REFERENCES

Please list two persons, excluding family members, who can attest to your character and work abilities.

Reference #1

Full Name:
Relationship:
Phone:
Email:

Reference #2

Full Name:
Relationship:
Phone:
Email:



EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name of an individual whom we may contact in the event of an emergency.

Full Name:
Relationship:
Daytime Phone:
Evening Phone:

Agreement and Signature

(If you are filling out this form out electronically, you may sign the form when you come for your interview.)

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us. Please email your completed application to volunteer@vip-cmhc.org, or mail to the following address:

**Violence Intervention Program
Attn: Rebecca Reese
1721 Griffin Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90031**

To learn more about VIP, please visit our website:

www.ViolenceInterventionProgram.org



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