Year-round Opportunity

Position Description
Ark Language Volunteer/Intern

(The Ark is a short-term emergency preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 whose families are homeless or in the early stages of recovery from addiction.)

Purpose:
To support language and social skills development to better prepare children for school.

Description of duties:
Focus on enriching children’s language by talking, playing and reading with them.

Encourage children to talk about what they are doing. Describe for the children what is going on. Ask children questions. Help them answer by giving them words to express themselves. Name objects they are using describing shapes and colors. Use rhyming words.

Qualifications/Requirements:
An interest in working with young children. Ability to talk and relate to young children. Be at least 16 years of age (younger people may volunteer with parents). Complete application, background check, site visit and interview

Time Requirements:
Flexible - 8:30 am – 11:30 am Monday through Friday (year-round).
Suggested minimum commitment: 2 hours a week for 3 months;
Fulfillment of agreed upon commitment is critical.

Benefits:
Opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child.
Learn and grow as an individual.
Fulfill internship requirements.
Letter of recommendation/recognition available upon request.

Orientation/Training:
Meet with volunteer coordinator and program director.
Review volunteer handbook.

Location: Johnston Square Elementary School
1101 Valley St., Baltimore 21202

Supervisor: Nancy Newman, Director

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