

Volunteer Opportunities in the Head Start Program

Parent and community volunteers are a vital component of the Head Start program! Volunteers put in hundreds of hours a year working with children and improving the classrooms.

What volunteer opportunities are available?

Most commonly volunteers spend their time in the classroom playing and talking to children, reading stories, and leading small group activities. Volunteer opportunities outside the classroom include classroom and playground maintenance and completing projects at home for classrooms.

Is there an orientation for volunteers?

Volunteers receive an orientation that includes expectations of being a volunteer and information about the classrooms. All volunteers are given a Volunteer Handbook during the orientation and sign a Confidentiality Agreement before volunteering.

How do I become a volunteer?

Fill out a Neighborhood House volunteer application (available on the Neighborhood House website) and obtain a TB test clearance. Applications and TB test results can be mailed to or dropped off at the Stephens Creek Crossing Head Start site at 6650 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, OR 97219. Please contact Sherry Eder (503-246-1663 x7305) with any questions.

Who do I contact if I have questions about volunteering?

Sherry Eder at 503-246-1663 x7305 or seder@nhweb.org

Can I request a letter of acknowledgement for my volunteering time?

Yes, please let Sherry know you would like a letter of acknowledgement when you sign up as a volunteer.