

Volunteering program with accommodation- Rehabilitative Preschool Daycare Center

The volunteering program with accommodation is a part of [VOIS – Volunteer in Israel](#) - an official program of the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services of the State of Israel.

Volunteering service is 5 days a week, for a total of 35 hours per week, between 9-12 months.

ALYN provides living quarters for volunteers next to the hospital, and provides all the required conditions (pocket money, meals, food products for the apartment, volunteers meeting, day trips etc...).

The basic duty of a volunteer working in the **Preschool Day Center** is to assist the educational staff. In every class there is a kindergarten teacher and two assistants. The age of the children is between 6 months and 3 years old.

Volunteering hours: Friday and Saturday off, Sunday -Thursday 7:30-14:30
(Total of 35 hours per week).

The volunteer's work is both within the classrooms and in the communal areas of the Center.

In the classroom:

The children in the Day care center have a range of complex medical, developmental, motor and cognitive challenges. Some of the children breathe with a breathing machines.

Some of the children communicate verbally and some don't.

The volunteer will be assigned during his volunteering period to a particular classroom where assistance is most needed.

However if another classroom requires temporary assistance, then the volunteer will be asked to move to a different classroom for the day. The volunteer may also be moved to a different classroom to replace an assistant or National Service volunteer who is away or ill.

Duties of the volunteer in the classroom:

- Welcoming the children in the mornings when they arrive with the ALYN transportation and helping them put on their walking aids
- Preparing **breakfast**, helping the children wash their hands, eat, keeping an eye on them, cleaning the tables and washing up the dishes
- Playing, drawing etc. with the children
- **Lunch time** -same duties as breakfast time
- Keeping an eye on the children when they sleep between 12:00-14:00

Every child has a personal program. The staff including the volunteer is working with each child according to his program.

The volunteer participates in all the group activities of the children: physiotherapy group, fine motoring group, music group, communication group, and playgroup.

We welcome initiatives of volunteers for new ideas about games or activities with the children.

The staff is focused on the personal rehabilitation program of each child. The important role of the volunteer is that he can give a general emotional attention to the children that the staff is sometimes too busy to focus on. Creating a contact by playing, hugging, telling/reading a story (even in English).if you don't speak Hebrew-speak English to the children.it will be more natural to you and they feel the tone of your voice.

Assistance in the communal areas of the Day care center:

The staff of each class is responsible for one of the communal areas in the Day care center. The volunteer takes part in this responsibility as well.

We are looking for a volunteer with patience, empathy and who is not sensitive to the contact with body fluids. Some of the children who breathe with a breathing machine or are dependent, cannot swallow all or part of their saliva.

DRESS CODE:

The patient population and their families come from different cultures and religions and have many different views and opinions. In order to give respect to everyone we ask you to dress according to the following rules:

A T shirt with sleeves which covers the shoulders and stomach and which is not low cut.

Trousers or a skirt which cover your knees, without printed words or political slogans.

VACATION:

Each volunteer has 2 days of vacation per month (for example 22 days for 11 months), as well as 2 days off in the period of Christmas and New Year.

In the Preschool Daycare Center the vacations are during the periods when the Day Care Center is closed for the Jewish holidays over the course of the year.