



Dear Community Member,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Yolo Crisis Nursery. The information below will give you a brief overview of the volunteer opportunities available at the Yolo Crisis Nursery.

The Yolo Crisis Nursery offers a safe haven for children whose parents are experiencing a stressful situation that could jeopardize them. Children, 0- 5 years of age, may stay at the nursery for a few hours or overnight depending upon the need. Services are provided free of charge to families in crisis, placements are primarily voluntary, and all services are confidential. The Yolo Crisis Nursery also provides long term paid day care, in-home support, referrals to other agencies, and follow-up assistance through a case manager.

The success of the program is dependent upon community donations and involvement, thus volunteers are very important. The volunteer opportunities include the following:

1. Direct care volunteers interact with children and provide them with a safe and nurturing environment (*must be 18 or over*).
2. Outreach volunteers provide information to the community by distributing brochures, posters and flyers at a variety of locations in Yolo County (*no age requirement*).
3. Friends of the Nursery fundraising volunteers assist the Community Relations Department of FamiliesFirst to raise money and awareness for the nursery.
4. Volunteers collect, sort, clean, inventory and assist in distribution of donations received by the Yolo Crisis Nursery.
5. Volunteers assist in special projects of the Yolo Crisis Nursery, especially assisting the Friends of the Nursery and the Community Relations Department.

Please review the information included and contact me at 530-758-6680 if you would like an interview. I greatly appreciate your interest in the health and well-being of the children and families in our community. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Heather Sleuter

Program Coordinator