



YMCA Volunteer Opportunity

Child Minding

Location: YMCA of Lethbridge

Status: Accepting

Type of Position: Volunteer Opportunity

Placement Date: Immediate

Nature and Scope

A Childminding volunteer is outgoing, enthusiastic, friendly, committed, and has a passion for children and their wellbeing and provides a safe and welcoming environment in accordance to YMCA standards and core values, within their scope of training.

Reporting to the Manager of Youth and Families, the Child Minding Volunteer will support child minding operations within the YMCA. The child minding area provides short-term care for children ages 0-10 years of age while their parent/guardian is accessing facility amenities.

Volunteers are vital to reaching our mission of building healthy communities. Volunteers increase diversity, quality, and quantity of programs and services for YMCA members. Your time and talent is needed to help our members grow in spirit, mind and body.

Major Responsibilities and Abilities:

- Positively engage with children providing play-based, age appropriate activities.
- Utilize developmentally appropriate child guidance strategies.
- Maintain an environment that is safe, clean and in good repair.
- Support children's personal care needs.
- Support booking processes for the child minding area.
- Ensure only authorized persons remove children from the child minding area.
- Communicate effectively and professionally with colleagues as well as parents/guardians about a child's child minding experience.
- Attend and participate in scheduled YMCA meetings and trainings. Maintain personal certifications and trainings.
- Demonstrate safe practices at all times and act promptly on health and safety risks and concerns.

Qualifications:

- Enrolled in Early Education or equivalent program an asset.
- Previous experience providing care for children aged 0-10 years of age
- Able to commit to working a regular schedule as determined by area need – this may be a day, evening or weekend shift
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Standard First Aid and/or CPR Level C and AED



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- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check. Successful candidates will be required to provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Reference Check/Vulnerable Sector Search and a Child Intervention Check before start date. The YMCA will provide applicable instructions and paperwork.
- Provide 3 Professional references.
- Attendance at a Welcome to the Y orientation and department-specific training

Competencies:

- *Commitment to Mission, Vision, and Values:* Demonstrates and promotes a personal understanding of an appreciation for the mission, vision, and values of the YMCA of Lethbridge.
- *Service Orientation:* Identifies needs and wants of staff and members and responds in an effective and timely manner to enhance every person's Y experience.
- *Relationship Building:* Builds positive interactions both internally and externally to achieve work related goals.
- *Welcoming:* Treats everybody in a friendly and respectful manner and creates a pleasant, user-friendly atmosphere.

Application Process:

Please submit your application by filling out our Volunteer Application Form.

Email your application to:

pam.haapa-aho@lethbridgeymca.org

or drop off at:

515 Stafford Drive South

Lethbridge, Alberta, T1K 2L3

Application Deadline

On-going