

Volunteering with Youth Outlook

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Youth Outlook. Volunteers are at the heart of Youth Outlook's programs and services. We have a variety of volunteer teams where you can share your time and talents. If you have a specialized skill such as marketing, public speaking, or accounting, please contact us to talk about our needs that relate to professional development, graphics and accounting/statistics. Contact info@youth-outlook.org for more information.

Drop-in Center Volunteer Team - *Drop-in center volunteers work directly with youth during drop-in programs at our six sites across Northern Illinois.*

Requirements

- Drop-in center volunteers must attend a free 24-hour training program (typically provided twice a year in the Spring and Fall).
- Volunteers typically serve 4 hours a month to a drop-in program.

Volunteer tasks

- Coordinate with site leader on programming needs for the evening
 - Work directly with youth during on-site programs and services
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Outreach Team - *Community Outreach Team members establish and maintain contact with community groups, practices, service providers, and individuals to increase awareness of Youth Outlook services.*

Requirements

- 1 hour initial orientation and periodic team meetings in person or via conference call

Volunteer tasks

- Increase community visibility through participation in health and information fairs and middle and high school GSA coordination and visits
 - Assist with our social media efforts by creating original content for our social media outlets and reposting relevant content from partner sites
 - Distribution of Youth Outlook materials to schools, partner organizations
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Pride Team - *Pride Team members serve as Youth Outlook representatives at various pride-related planning meeting across Northern Illinois. Attend meetings and report back on progress and ways Youth Outlook can be involved with Pride events across Northern Illinois.*

Requirements

- Initial orientation with Development Associate and/or Executive Director
- Willingness to commit to supporting a planning group for 12 months

Volunteer Tasks

- Attend planning meetings for events such as the Aurora Pride Festival and Parade, Naper Pride planning group, Mokena Pride Fest (there may be a few volunteers for each planning group). For example, if you volunteer to be a Youth Outlook representative for Naper Pride, we ask that you attend 1-2x month planning meetings and assist with some event support.
 - Report back to Youth Outlook staff about opportunities for organizational involvement and any action items.
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Benevon Team - *Benevon Team members implement the Benevon model of sustainable fundraising and visibility through hosting 1-hour mission tours at various sites across Northern Illinois and coordinating the annual ask event. Benevon team member roles include doing greeting and sign in at the tours, being a tour guide (calling all public speakers!), offering a testimonial (this is good for folks who have been in our programs) or helping to maintain records and make follow up phone calls.*

Requirements

- 1-hour intro to the Benevon model at Youth Outlook – meetings are held every few months.
- Volunteers typically participate in 1 tour every month (1.5 hour time commitment)
- Monthly team meeting (mostly via tele-conference)

Volunteer tasks

- Participate in 1-hour mission tours (where we introduce attendees to our programs and services through a series of stories and testimonials)
- Participate in planning a 1x a year ask event

*if this sounds like something you would be interested in, but want to learn more, email carrie.noe@youth-outlook.org to chat and we also invite you to attend a tour as an observer so you can see how the tours work

Youth Outlook Event Team - *Youth Outlook event planning team members support Youth Outlook events such as the gala planning, AIDS Walk/Run, Aurora Pride Parade and the Youth Outlook/PFLAG picnic.*

Requirements

- Willingness to commit to one of the planning groups for 12 months

Volunteer tasks

- Attend planning committee meetings in person or via tele-conference
- Assist with follow up tasks
- Coordinate with Youth Outlook Development Associate as needed
- Day of event support (set up, clean up, on-site coordination)