

Beautiful Hair, Beautiful Me Program

Purpose: offer complimentary hair services to black children in Care.

Volunteers will;

- Increase knowledge of children, staff and Foster Parents on black hair care of all textures
- Build self-esteem and self-worth by creating a safe space that celebrates the beauty and worth of African-Canadians
- Build relationships and connections with the Agency and Black Communities

Position Summary: Hair stylists provide hair care and social support to young people in Foster Care, in a salon run by volunteers located in 843 Kennedy Rd. Volunteers commit to every Thursday evening from 5:30pm/5:45pm until 8:30pm+.

Activities include;

- Setting up and cleaning salon space as needed
- Servicing salon clients with preferred styles
- Filling in paperwork on each child's hair file
- Work as a member of the BHBM salon committee
- Interact with clients, staff and Foster parents to educate on products and care
- May attend additional shows, meetings and events

Volunteers can promote better outcomes through education, celebration of blackness, and enhancing connections in the community.

Competencies:

- Has the ability to style black hair – braid, corn row (plant), treat, curly-do's, deep treatment (weaves and extensions are an asset)
- Knowledge of natural hair and skin care and products
- Ability to describe methods to use hair and skin care products
- Excellent communication and listening skills
- Work independently and in groups
- Committee experience an asset
- Demonstrated report writing skills
- Experience working with children and youth