

Child Access Program (CAP)

Purpose: observes semi-supervised visits between young people and their caregivers, at branches and documents visits in program reports.

Volunteers will;

- Increase support for reunification of families
- Enhance safety for children and youth

Position Summary: volunteers provide support and encouragement to children and families during access visits. They volunteer in a group setting with a professional on-site to observe interactions between caregivers and their children. Interactions and observations are documented in reports that become part of the Family Service file.

Activities include;

- Attending access visits between caregivers and their children
- Preparing access rooms for visits
- Working cooperatively with the team of volunteers
- Greeting families and supporting them during visits
- Documenting visits by writing reports

CAP volunteers increase safety and promote permanency by supporting visits that may reunite families.

Competencies:

- 1-year commitment minimum, 2 shifts per month
- Is comfortable and interested in working with children and their natural families
- Has previous experience with children and interested in learning more about family dynamics
- Is comfortable with CAS mandate and role
- Excellent communication skills and can remain calm in emotionally charged situations
- Has the ability to work in a team environment and share responsibilities
- Has a mature, reliable, adaptable, open and non-judgmental attitude
- Proficient in report writing

Locations:

- 30 Isabella Sat 9:30am-4:30pm
- 843 Kennedy Rd Sat 9:30am-4:30pm or Tues 4:30pm-7pm
- 20 DeBoers Sat 9:30am-4:30pm or Wed 4:30pm-7pm