

There's so much you can do:

Thousands of children are helped... and yet, Children Services can't do it alone. Many children under the care of Children Services depend on volunteers and mentors to guide them through difficult times. Youngsters who have experienced abuse and neglect look forward to spending time and sharing activities with their special friends. These volunteers and mentors share time with the children they are matched with at least twice a month, doing fun things and helping the children feel good about themselves. *Whether it's helping the children directly, or providing assistance with the program in some other way, any time is valuable time ...time that truly makes a big difference.*

Simply Tear Off and Return.

Please let us know how you'd like to get involved. Check the appropriate box(es) below.

- Friendship Volunteer
- Crisis Center Volunteer
- Malaika or Simba Mentor
- College-Bound Youth Mentor
- I'd like to Help in Another Way:



Help a child in need.



Give guidance and direction.



Change a life.

By volunteering a little time and opening your heart, you can make a big difference in the life of a child.



For more information, call
(614) 275-2690

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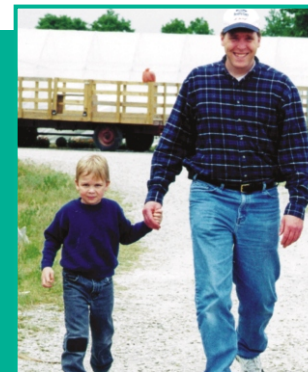
Protecting Children by Strengthening Families



A Little Time...



Makes a BIG Difference



...a difference you can make

Become a Volunteer Today

VOLUNTEER / MENTOR

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please note that the information you provide Franklin County Children Services is intended solely for use by the Volunteer Program and will not be used for any other purpose.

Thank you for your cooperation. For information on any of our programs, please contact us at: **614-275-2690.**

What Kind of Volunteer Opportunities are Available?

Children Services has a variety of volunteer and mentor opportunities designed to enrich the lives of children as well as the lives of those who give the gifts of time and caring.

An individual can give support, friendship, and guidance to children in various ways:

Friendship Volunteers

Volunteers who share time and activities on an individual basis twice a month with a child.

Crisis Center Volunteers

Volunteers who provide support, activities, and supervision at Children Services' Crisis Center.

Malaika and Simba Mentors

Culturally specific mentoring programs matching African American adults with African American children.

College-Bound Mentors

Mentoring program for college-bound youths providing support and assistance with college preparation and ongoing needs or questions.






Who Will I be Mentoring or Volunteering With?

The children typically matched with volunteers or mentors are between the ages of 5 and 18 and live with their birth families, in kinship care, or in a foster home or other paid placement.

When children are not able to live with their birth parents, many times they are placed with relatives or close family friends. As Children Services recognizes the importance of these placements, we have developed the Friendship for Kinship initiative, which matches youths placed in kinship care with volunteers to provide additional support for those families.

What Are the Requirements?

Volunteers and Mentors should:

-  Be 18 years of age or older;
-  Have a valid driver's license and car insurance (reimbursement for mileage is provided);
-  Complete the short application and training process;
-  Make a six-month commitment to a child;
-  Have some college experience and be at least 21-years-of-age for college-bound mentoring.

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Franklin County Children Services helps abused, neglected, and troubled children and their families. Social workers and other professionals provide protection and care to children through in-home counseling and out-of-home placement when needed. **Services are also provided to strengthen the families and assist parents in meeting their responsibility of caring for their children. Each year, more than 28,000 children in Franklin County benefit from these services.**



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