



## Child Minding Volunteer Description

### Overview of Role

Care for children while their parents are attending a program at the New Canadians Centre. Most children are between 6 months and 4 years of age, however we can get a range of ages depending on the time of year (during summer older children attend). Child Minding will take place in a nursery room on site, and the parents will always be in the building.

### Availability of Role

Not a regular role available when an NCC program requests child minding services.

### Time Commitment

Volunteer must be able to commit to a weekly shift that will be the same time and day each week. Length of commitment varies. Some programs are month long series, and other programs continue throughout the year.

### Responsibilities

- Be a welcoming face to children and their parents; make them feel safe and comfortable
- Be alert and able to mitigate risks and maintain a clean and safe space for children to play
- Care for babies and children while their parents are in programs – rocking and feeding babies; encouraging positive play among children; ensure children follow rules
- Judge when a child is in distress and needs their parent
- Abide by NCC's code of conduct and child minding procedures

### Qualifications

- Positive, energetic, and welcoming
- Experience caring for children – parent, daycare, babysitting, teacher etc.
- Take initiative and keep children occupied during the session – songs, story time, colouring
- Willingness to work with parents and children with language barriers
- Able to assist parents to sign-in and collect care-instructions for their child
- Ability to judge when a baby or child needs something – food, bathroom, is hurt
- \*Set programming is not required, however, volunteers are encouraged to take initiative and be as creative as they want using the supplies provided - songs, story time, colouring, free play etc.

### What you will receive:

- Help making NCC's programs more accessible to parents and particularly moms
- An opportunity to learn about other cultures and languages from around the world
- Help be a positive influence on children and their parents and make

