## Family Advocacy

Family Advocacy consists of advocating for families and children who are recovering from physical and sexual abuse. Volunteers will assist case managers with case management to non-offending families who are going through this traumatic phase in their lives.

### Are you...

- 21 and older
- help children
- Passionate about helping children who suffered abuse and neglect

# What will I be doing as a Volunteer?

- Finding access to transportation and childcare
- Accessing healthcare and housing options
- Educating families on healthy eating and managing stress
- Researching job fairs for families to attend

# Family Advocate Volunteer (FAV) must:

- Have interest in the rights and needs of children and families
- Be organized and be able to communicate information in a timely manner
- Pass both criminal and State background checks
- Provide 3 references from non-relatives

# **Professional Volunteer Position:**

- Contact families and support their needs that are identified through case planning
- Help develop and implement an action plan for the families
- Conduct regular check-ups on families

#### Goal:

To provide one-on-one long term support to children and families who are recovering from abuse

### Commitment:

Minimum of 1 year

## Will be trained in:

- Healthcare Advocacy
- Financial Advocacy
- Housing Advocacy
- Human Services Advocacy

### **Training**

- Initial Sessions (30 hours)
- Participate in ongoing training as scheduled

### Responsibilities

- Attend initial training sessions
- Devote time to each family to provide them with resources to be successful
- Communicate with supervisor on case updates





## Benefits of Volunteering:

- Help vulnerable children & families succeed
- Learn new skills
- Gain knowledge and confidence
- Feel rewarded
- Be inspired
- Personal fulfillment
- Make new connections
- Enhance your resume

"The mission of Wynona's House is to promote healing and justice for child victims of abuse and violence by coordinating investigative, prosecutorial, treatment, and prevention services"

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