



## Laraway Youth & Family Services – Vegetable Garden Volunteer

### Volunteer Position Description

#### **Volunteer Position Summary:**

Volunteers will play an integral role in basic garden maintenance that will allow fruits and vegetables produced throughout the season to be distributed to Laraway School's cafeteria, as well as to youth and families enrolled in Laraway programs. Volunteers will also assist with preparing farm projects for on-site farm education. Volunteers will work with Land Stewardship staff to produce over 1,000 pounds of healthy and nutritious fruits and vegetables for youth in our programs throughout the year. Volunteers will be supervised by the Land Stewardship staff on-site and be given task lists to complete each day. Training and guidance will be given by staff when necessary. Volunteers are encouraged to commit to one season (10 weeks during the spring, summer or fall) in order to develop personal projects and track production goals. Open volunteer hours will take place on Wednesdays from 1:30-5pm and flexible hours for committed long term volunteers can be arranged. On-site orientation will be provided.

#### **Essential Duties:**

- Volunteers will harvest and track pounds of produce harvested throughout the season to meet garden production goals for year.
- Volunteers will work on specific individual projects with staff, which will be mutually decided on before the position begins. Projects ideas could include rain barrels, compost bin building, herbal wheel, sheltered sitting area, a sunflower hut, and many more!
- Volunteers will help maintain the Laraway Vegetable Garden through activities including, but not limited to, weeding, watering, seeding, transplanting, and mulching.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Interest in gardening and outdoor work. Specialized knowledge in gardening useful, but not required.
- Interest in outdoor education and comfort working with and around youth with emotional and behavioral issues.
- Calm and composed demeanor in stressful situations; on-site HIPPA orientation will be provided.
- Ability to lift up to 50lbs useful, but not required.
- Background check clearance required prior to beginning volunteer position.

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*Note: The work conditions and environment described here are representative of those that an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.*