



YMCA of Niagara

Volunteer Opportunity and Job Descriptions

EarlyON Program Assistant Volunteer

Location	St. Catharines and Thorold
Time Commitment	2 hrs per week for minimum of 10 weeks

Why Volunteer for the YMCA?

The YMCA is a charity dedicated to building healthy communities. The YMCA of Niagara delivers programs in Health, Fitness and Aquatics, Community Outreach, Child Care, Day Camp and Employment & Newcomer Services throughout the Niagara Region. We are committed to nurturing the potential of children, youth, and families, promoting healthy living and fostering social responsibility within the community. Our focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means we serve people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities through all stages of life.

NATURE & SCOPE

EarlyON Child and Family Centres are welcoming places where parents and caregivers gather with their children ages 0-6 years to enjoy interactive play environments and meaningful learning experiences together. Our team of EarlyON professionals are here to support you and your little one's healthy early development through free drop-in programs that offer active play, exploration and inquiry-based learning.

EXPECTATIONS:

- To appreciate and support the YMCA values, mission and vision.
- To demonstrate energy, dedication and enthusiasm.
- To thrive in an atmosphere of change and ambiguity.
- To work as a member of a team.
- To achieve planned results through personal initiative.
- To model commitment to service excellence and quality.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To assist staff with preparing and maintaining a welcoming, clean play-based environment for children, parents and caregivers.
- To build positive relationships with children and their caregivers.
- To follow YMCA dress code.
- To follow all YMCA policies including the Child, Youth and Vulnerable Person Protection Policy and Procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous experience or knowledge of child development and supporting families is an asset, however training will be provided.

- Patient and caring attitude, as well as strong communication skills.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Current Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search (issued within the last 12 months) will be required.
- Interview and 3 references will be required.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

- Volunteer orientation inclusive of relevant YMCA Policies and Procedures.
- Training, supervision and support from EarlyON Supervisor and Coordinator.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete an online volunteer application form or print the application and drop off at your local Health, Fitness and Aquatics Centre or email it to volunteer@niagara.ymca.ca

Accessibility accommodations and material in alternative formats for individuals with disabilities can be arranged upon request.

For more information for this and other opportunities at the YMCA of Niagara please visit our website:
www.ymcaofniagara.org