

Volunteer and Make A Difference in Your Community Today

Childcare Volunteer

Location	YMCA Childcare centres across the Niagara Region
Time Commitment	Minimum of 3 months of service at 3 hrs per week

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, Childcare, Day Camp and Employment & Immigrant 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

Volunteers play a significant role in supporting educators in the daily operation of YMCA licensed Childcare centres, while engaging in meaningful opportunities for personal growth and insight into the field of child development. Volunteers contribute to our programs by engaging with children in play-based activities both indoors and outdoors and assisting staff with daily routines. Volunteers can help people grow in many ways that are consistent with the YMCA's mission of building body, mind and spirit.

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.
- Participate in training and adhere to the YMCA Child Protection Policies and Procedures as established by the YMCA of Niagara.
- To follow all YMCA policies including the Child, Youth and Vulnerable Person Protection Policy and Procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Standard First Aid and CRC level C.
- A clear and satisfactory criminal record check inclusive of the vulnerable sector search (CRC VSS) issued for the YMCA of Niagara.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Interview and 3 references will be required.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

- Volunteer orientation inclusive of relevant YMCA Policies and Procedures.
- Supervision and support from YMCA staff, Team Leader and Program Coordinator.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete an online volunteer application at <https://ymcaofniagara.org/volunteer/opportunities/> or print the application and drop it off at your local Childcare centre.

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