



Refugee Youth Mentor Volunteer Job Description

About Us

PRERNA is a non-profit humanitarian organization that empowers refugees with opportunities to rebuild sustainable lives in the United States. We help refugees across all ethnicities and faiths become independent with continuum care. Our services include housing, supplies, healthcare, education, employment and cultural assimilation. We are located in Santa Clara County, California.

Description

We believe in the power of education to help refugee children and adults learn about American culture and learn the English language, an essential skill in settling into the Bay Area successfully. As a Youth Mentor, you will be matched with a refugee family to help children with their schoolwork and assist adults with learning English. We are seeking volunteers who are sensitive to cultural differences with a strong desire to improve the English language skills of refugee adults and young students.

Responsibilities

- Mentor children (K-12) who primarily need help with their homework
- Hold conversations with adults to improve their English language skills
- Support adolescent refugees who may find it difficult to adapt to a new school, new friends and a new country
- Help young adults plan an educational pathway of goals and milestones
- Assist with higher education research, applications and enrollment forms

Qualifications

- Creative thinker, can-do attitude, proactive, takes initiative
- Fluency in verbal and written English language
- Multilingual abilities preferred
- Cultural sensitivity to people from different backgrounds
- Ability to meet challenges with enthusiasm
- Patient, understanding, flexible and a positive attitude

Other

- Ability to meet with students for up to four hours a week
- Minimum volunteer assignment of three months

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