



**Statewide  
Conference on  
Education of the  
Deaf and Hard  
of Hearing  
San Marcos, TX  
July 18-July  
20, 2016**



Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel  
Conference Center and Spa  
1001 E. McCarty Lane  
San Marcos, TX 78666

## Childcare Contractor/Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the need?

We are looking for paid contractors or volunteers to assist with the childcare/youth programs for two and a half days (Monday, July 18, Tuesday, July 19 and Wed. July 20). Shifts will be approximately 8-6 on Monday and Tuesday and 8 – noon on Wednesday. We are especially interested in ASL fluent staff and students studying ASL because we want to ensure an accessible environment for any deaf/hh children who use sign language.

### 2. What's going on at the Statewide Conference on Deaf Education?

The Texas Association of Parents and Educators of the Deaf (TAPED) and various state agencies collaborate to plan this biennial conference for professionals, parents and students. The 2016 conference will be in San Marcos at the Embassy Suites hotel. Approximately 500-700 people from all over the country will attend this event. In order to encourage family attendance the conference offers childcare to families with a deaf or hard of hearing child and a unique opportunity for parents to meet and learn from other parents of deaf and hard of hearing children, professionals, and deaf and hard of hearing adults. Likewise, children have the chance to meet with children from other families like theirs in which at least one child is deaf or hard of hearing. While parents attend educational workshops, children will be involved in fun, day camp experiences on-site at the Embassy Suites hotel.

### 3. What do staff/volunteers need to know?

You must be on time (8:00am), as we have limited time to provide an orientation before the families begin to arrive. Once you have been hired, you will receive your group assignment and schedule. Contractors-volunteers are cleared to go AFTER childcare areas are cleaned. In order to receive payment or your letter of recommendation and documentation of service hours you must complete all the assigned shifts.

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## 4. Will we have lodging?

We do not have budgeted funds to provide hotel rooms for contractors-volunteers, so we are recruiting from the San Marcos, San Antonio and Austin areas. If you are interested in working or volunteering and you live more than 50 miles from San Marcos, contact Lisa Crawford at 512-462-5447. Depending on the number of childcare workers needed, we MAY be able to provide partial funds for lodging, but you would be required to share a room.

## 5 Wow, three days is a lot of time!

Yes, it is. We do need you to commit to this **entire** block of time because the children are being dropped off in an environment they are not used to and with people they have not met before. It is difficult to create a comfort factor if we rotate in new staff daily and the children have to get used to a new person. In addition, it takes a while for the staff to work out a system and to get to know each other.

## 6. What's in it for me?

You may choose to either be paid an hourly rate or get volunteer credit for this position.

If you choose to volunteer your time you will receive:

- An opportunity to be of service
- Experience working with deaf and hard of hearing children
- An opportunity to use your sign language skills
- A letter documenting your internship and/or service hours
- A letter of recommendation, if appropriate

If you choose to receive payment for your time you will receive:

- An opportunity to be of service
- Experience working with deaf and hard of hearing children
- An opportunity to use your sign language skills
- \$12/hour for documented work-time

## 7. What do I need to provide?

You must apply, pass a criminal background check and agree to the job requirements listed on the online application by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Go to this link to access the application:

<http://TSD.formstack.com/forms/swc2016staffvol>