



THE GARDEN JOB DESCRIPTION VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION: To create an environment of safety and healing for grieving children and teens through consistent and caring presence, the offering of structured and unstructured activities and the encouragement of group sharing.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Ability to commit to 17 of 20 GARDEN meeting each year
2. Affinity for children/teens
3. Flexibility coupled with the ability to set boundaries/enforce group rules
4. Willingness to follow a child/teen's lead or agenda
5. Consistent, caring, warm, approachable presence, with the ability to work on a feeling level around the issues of death, dying and bereavement
6. Team player

SCOPE OF WORK:

1. Active participation in training and supervision meetings including the initial volunteer training, pre- and post-meetings, and periodic volunteer meetings as scheduled.
2. Planning and preparing for GARDEN activities as agreed upon by the team of facilitators to which the volunteer is assigned. Responsibilities may include creating a group activity and /or gathering materials.
3. Periodically leading a small group of children/teens in performing a GARDEN activity, including helping to process the activity as desired.
4. Helping one or more children/teens to work on whatever they need to work on through an activity, separate space away from the group or through simply being with them.
5. Enforcing group rules both during small group time and during common group time.
6. Welcoming/orienting new families and volunteers as needed.
7. Supporting other GARDEN volunteers through listening, encouragement, ideas, etc.