

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Family Interaction Program:** Volunteers support children in out-of-home care by supervising the family interaction with their parents.
- **Volunteer Drivers:** Assist with transporting children and families safely to and from authorized visits and appointments.
- **Parent Pals Program:** Volunteer mentors spend time (2-3 times per month) with parents referred by Brown County Child Protective Services who have identified an interest in having an informal support in their lives.
- **Volunteer Guardians:** A legal guardian is a decision maker and an advocate for those who are incompetent due to aging, a developmental disability, chronic mental illness or alcohol and drug abuse.
- **General Volunteers:** If committing to a specific program does not fit in with your interests or schedule, Brown County Health and Human Services is always seeking assistance with miscellaneous tasks and events.



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# BROWN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



**P**als Program is a mentoring program of Brown County Health & Human Services. Brown County Volunteer Coordinators are responsible for recruiting, training and matching volunteers with a Pal based on compatibility. Volunteer mentors spend time in a recreational or learning activity with their Pal. Volunteer mentors help the child adjust to the separation or loss of a parent, enhance self-esteem and confidence, and learn new skills.

Volunteer Coordinators provide support to matches as long as the volunteer and child are involved with the program.

### POPULATION SERVED:

- Children ages 3-17.
- Children who have been involved with Brown County Child Protection and/or Youth Justice in some capacity.
- Children who could benefit from a positive role model in their life.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Mentors can be a single adult, couple or family. Other qualifications include:

- Must be 18 years old.
- Display the ability to be a safe and supportive adult.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To observe agency rules of confidentiality.
- To report any concerns regarding possible abuse/neglect.
- Commit to interacting with their Pal 2-3 times per month.
- Submit mileage and reporting forms on a monthly basis.

### BENEFITS:

Pals Program participants are so fortunate when it comes to being offered a variety of opportunities.

- Matches are invited to a fun activity each month that is free of charge.
- Matches receive discounts in the community allowing children to have more experiences.
- Matches are invited to community events throughout the year.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

- 1) Complete an application which includes background checks and references.
- 2) Obtain a copy of a valid driver's license and verification of auto and home owner's insurance.
- 3) An overview of the program and training is provided where a profile is created to help form a match.
- 4) Once potential Pals are identified the volunteers will learn more about the Pals and may select a child they think will be the best fit for them.
- 5) Once a match is made the volunteer coordinator schedules a time to introduce the Pal volunteer to the child and their family.

### **THE NEED IS GREAT:**

**WE CURRENTLY HAVE 50+ CHILDREN AWAITING A MENTOR.**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A LITTLE ONE TODAY.**