



Monroe County Circles™ Initiative Volunteer Job Descriptions

The Monroe County Circles Initiative is working to end poverty in Monroe County. By facilitating the development of friendships across class and race lines, the Circles™ Initiative brings community support to people who are building resources to transition out of poverty. Low-income participants have begun their journey with an 18-week training course, “Getting Ahead In A Just Gettin’-By World”, after which they can become “Circle Leaders” and be matched with groups of supportive middle-class “Allies.” We strive to break down barriers that might prevent low-income people from being able to attend trainings and meetings by providing childcare, meals, and emergency transportation help. Throughout the 18-week training and the ongoing weekly Circle meetings that will follow, the Monroe County Circles Initiative is seeking committed volunteers from the community in the following positions:

Youth Program: Help is needed with our youth program so that our Getting Ahead participants and Circle Leaders can attend trainings and meetings. Children currently range in age from 1 – 14-years old. Toys and curriculum are available. Criminal background checks are required.

Meals and Servers: Help is needed with meal planning, shopping, meal preparation, serving and kitchen cleanup so that our Getting Ahead participants and Circle Leaders can attend trainings and meetings. Dinner is served to approximately 60 people at 6:00 p.m., and cooks must be available at about 4:30 p.m. to begin preparation.

Transportation: Lack of transportation is often a barrier for low-income people. If you have a good driving record, valid driver’s license and insurance, you can help! You will use your own vehicle to transport Circles families to 6:00 p.m. Getting Ahead trainings and Circle meetings and home again at 8:30 – we can provide and install car seats. Criminal background checks are required.

All current trainings are being held on Thursday evenings, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, at East 3rd St. and E. 46 Bypass, behind Starbucks. Volunteers are invited to enjoy the dinner.

Please contact Circles Coordinator Linda Patton at 339-3447 ext 206, email lindap@insccap.org, Circles Coach, Carrie Felton at ext 263, carrie@insccap.org or circlevolunteer@insccap.org to volunteer or for more information!