

Volunteer Tutor Program

Tutoring a foster or homeless youth can be a gratifying experience. You have an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in their life and help them develop their academic skills.

Settings:

There are many opportunities for tutoring in San Luis Obispo County. Some of the possible settings include individual foster homes, the overnight shelter, community school classrooms, juvenile hall, or the Grizzly Challenge program. Tutoring can be arranged to suit a variety of class schedules. There are opportunities in the morning, afternoon and evening.

We ask that all tutors commit to a minimum of 20 hours with a student. Tutors are encouraged to commit for a school semester and may commit for longer periods of time. Whatever time is committed, we ask that the commitment be honored. Keep track of the total number of hours spent tutoring.

Requirements: Any college student who is willing to share their time with youth is eligible to become a tutor. To begin please do the following:

- **Application:** Download the *Volunteer Tutor Application*. When complete, forward this to Jessica Thomas.
- **Professional Guidelines:** Download the *Professional Guidelines* and read them. You are asked to sign on the bottom and send this back to Jessica Thomas.
- **Fingerprinting:** After completing the application process and being accepted as a volunteer tutor, you will be required to be fingerprinted. You will be given instructions for making an appointment. There is no charge for fingerprinting.
- **TB Test:** Anyone who works closely with youth is required to have a current TB Test clearance on file with Foster Youth Services. Your campus Health Center can do this for a few dollars.

If you have questions about the tutoring program, contact Jessica Thomas, Foster Youth Services Education Case Manager, at 610-9625 or jthomas@slocoe.org.