

Companion

Extended Families Australia

Organisation Information

Organisation name:	Extended Families Australia
Aim / mission of organisation:	To give children with a disability and their families an opportunity to develop a loving and caring 'grandparent' or 'extended family' relationship with a supportive volunteer.
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Operating hours:	9-5 Mon - Fri

Volunteer Position Information

Position title:	Companion
Tasks / duties:	<p>To provide a commitment to regularly visit a child who has a disability and their family/carer.</p> <p>To provide support for the family/carer to offer opportunities to the child who has a disability with the intention of increasing his/her inclusion in society and to enhance his/her experiences so that he/she may reach his/her individual potential.</p> <p>To be understanding and supportive to the family/carer and the child with a disability.</p> <p>To have fun and enjoy the experience of being a volunteer to a child.</p>
Skills & knowledge:	<p>To be motivated, enthusiastic and compassionate, and be able to work sensitively with children who have a disability and their families over their developing years.</p> <p>To have a clear understanding of the issues involved with boundaries and confidentiality when working with a family.</p> <p>To be willing to participate in ongoing support and supervision with the Regional Coordinator.</p> <p>To be able to accept the values and beliefs of others in a non-judgemental way.</p>
Special requirements	Police check and working with children check (paid for by

(e.g. police check):	Extended Families) Training provided		
Time commitment:	minimum two hours per week for a period of twelve months or more.		
Days required:	flexible		
Location of position:	within Port Phillip area		
Contact person:	Tara Bolton	Contact details:	59501800 or 0400734540
Closing date:	Ongoing		