

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University



Families Forward

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Transportation	Approximate Travel Time by Car: 15 Minutes
Service Times	Monday 3:30-5:30
Placement Availability	3 students
Clearances Required	FBI Fingerprints, Criminal Records, Child Abuse, Minors on Campus

Description of Agency: Traveler's Aid Family Services of Philadelphia assists homeless families and travelers in Philadelphia. TAFSP provides professional counseling, emergency shelter, housing, direct assistance, and children and youth services for two groups of people: homeless families and stranded travelers. TAFSP provides informational services and advice to the traveling public at transportation centers. It operates an after school program for children of resident families, providing educational support, games and activities, and mentorship.

Student Role in Agency: Students will serve as assistants in the after school program, supporting the coordinators and teachers in the classroom with activities and tutoring, forming long term relationships with children, and developing activities, games, or interests for children based on skills and abilities. Students may work in both classrooms in a given afternoon, helping to support children and teachers when needed. Students will form long-term, meaningful relationships with children in the program and will share experiences while learning from the children.

Clearances and Requirements: SJU and Families Forward policies require 4 clearances and a Tuberculosis test to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training. All clearances must be completed, uploaded to the Faith-Justice Clearance blackboard site, and handed in to your service site by March 10th.

A Tuberculosis test within the year is required to begin volunteering with this community partner. You may choose any participating health physician's office or the SJU Student Health Center, located on the first floor of Sourin Hall and follow their directions. If you select the SJU Health Center, there will be a \$10 fee to administer the injection. Any student who finds the \$10 fee an economic hardship should contact Ann Marie Jursca Keffer at x1337.