



Defend Innocence Educator

Summer Camp or Extended Volunteer Position

Start & End Date:

15hrs/week in Mexico

Flexible Start & End Dates based on availability

Volunteer Position

Applicable Majors:

Family, Youth, and Community Sciences; Counseling; Education; Human Resources; Social Work

Why this position matters:

Children, especially orphans, represent one of the most vulnerable populations on earth. This role equips and empowers adults in kids' lives to protect from and prevent sexual abuse. To serve in this role is to take an offensive stance against the exploitation of children.

What this role is all about:

The Defend Innocence Educator is a role carried out in direct partnership with Saprea and their Defend Innocence efforts with the goal to carry out their mission of “empowering parents to protect their children from sexual abuse through education and online resources. We make it safe to openly discuss sexual abuse through community dialogue and social awareness”. The Defend Innocence Educator will participate in in-depth training with Saprea prior to their assignment and then train orphanage caregivers on how to best support and protect the children in their care by using the developed and proven curriculum of the Defend Innocence program. This curriculum has been used by volunteers around the world and can be adapted to best suit the needs of those to whom the training is being delivered.

This role would require 15 hours of work per week and will be combined with an additional volunteer role, such as a Summer camp teaching role.

In short you will be responsible for:

- Completing training with Saprea trainers and becoming highly confident in the Defend Innocence curriculum. The length of training is around 30 hours and can be completed in as short as a week or as long as 6 weeks, depending on your availability.
- Lead trainings with orphanage caregivers.
- Be a part of the on-site volunteer team, participating in team activities and supporting others as needed.
- Referencing the Extended and Summer Camp Volunteer Guidebooks for specific information on Visas, expectations and funds. Though your participation fees will be waived, all Extended Volunteers will need to bring or raise funds to cover any additional incidental expenses.
- Completing the term of your stay, barring extreme extenuating circumstances.

Required Skills:

- Complete on-site training at the Salt Lake City or Atlanta Saprea Offices.
- Speaks Spanish, ideally as a first language.
- Excellent teaching skills, especially among diverse community groups.
- Comfortable talking about child sexual abuse prevention and healing.
- Comfortable teaching on a wide range of topics.
- Ability to facilitate a safe learning environment for healing and prevention.
- Willingness to help identify and address crisis situations through appropriate help.
- Adept cultural sensitivity.
- Experienced in trauma informed care and have been in situations that have been considered trauma sensitive.
- Efficient time manager and confident moderator.
- Possess secondary trauma resiliency.

Preferred experience in any of the following:

- Social work
- Therapy
- Psychology
- Non-profit management



A note from the Executive Director:

If you want to apply for this position, the following should be true of you:

- You need to take initiative and be willing to make mistakes. We've failed lots in the past and try to make new mistakes every day because we believe that is how you learn the quickest. You need to trust us to be cool and you need to be vulnerable.
- You aren't assumptive, you look for clarity and don't mind looking ignorant because you care more about being valuable than looking smart. You will understand why you are doing what is asked of you because you know we expect you to use your brain and make judgment calls regularly.
- You should know yourself pretty well - knowing your strengths and weaknesses (bonus points if you include your top 5 strengths from Gallup's Strengthsfinder assessment in your cover letter).
- You should be confident and friendly, not intimidated by others. You should be direct and to the point and not worry about hurting our feelings (but don't be mean).

About Us:

A Child's Hope Foundation (ACHF) is a 501(c)3 public charity whose mission is "Lifting Orphans from Surviving to Thriving." Please check us out at www.achf.org and look for us on FB and Instagram.

To apply, send a resume and cover letter to cameron@achf.org. In the cover letter, include your spanish language proficiency. Applications will be accepted until an ideal candidate is found.