

Volunteer Position Description

Job Title: Translator

Persons Served	 Newcomers to the South Essex area Persons who cannot speak/read/write English or whose preferred language of service is not English
Purpose	 To provide translation & interpretation services to individuals who cannot or who have difficulty communicating in English
Outcomes	 Allow newcomers to transition smoothly into the community. To provide program services to a broader range of individuals in the community To provide more efficient timely services to individuals in the community
Activities & Tasks	 Interpreting & translating for individuals with service agencies such as banks, doctors, lawyers, immigration services, etc.
Outline of Responsibilities	 Translate the needs of the client to the service agency and vice versa Assist the client in interpreting both their own and the agency's needs
Schedule & Commitment	FlexibleAvailability on an on-call basis
Boundaries & Limitations	 Translation does not take place in clients' homes Translators do not transport clients to appointments
Skills, Experience and Qualifications Required	 Fluent in both English and a second language Transportation needed for travel within the Essex County area
Personal Traits and Qualities Needed	 Desire to assist newcomers Able to listen and provide assistance Friendly, patient Problem solving skills an asset

Orientation & Training Available	 Volunteers will be oriented by the Program Leader and/or Department Coordinator
Support, Supervision & Evaluation Provided	 Support and supervision will be given by the Program Leader and/or Department Coordinator Evaluation will be done by the Program Leader and/or Department Coordinator
Mandatory Activities	 N/A As directed by Program Leader and/or Department Coordinator
Setting & Location	 Appointments within the SECC offices as well as other office visits within the Essex County area Absolutely no home visits
Benefits to Volunteer	 Enrich your life Give back to the community Explore your career options Establish a network for success
Screening Measures	Volunteer ApplicationInterviewPolice records check