

# Ryther

Center for Children & Youth

## **Best Buddy - Staff Supervised**

**Volunteer reports to:** Case Manager & Volunteer Manager

**Summary:** If you are interested in establishing a healthy and positive relationship with a child learning to cope with a history of trauma, consider becoming a Best Buddy. You will have the fun and rewarding task of acting as a role model, teacher, and, most importantly, friend to a child. This opportunity is available in Ryther's residential Cottage Program. Best Buddies must commit to one-hour weekly or biweekly scheduled visits with their buddy for a minimum of six months.

## **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Forming a positive relationship with assigned Best Buddy by actively listening and engaging with child
- Leading an activity during visit with Best Buddy. Activities can include: board games, outdoor sports, reading, baking, etc.

## **Requirements**

- Patience, flexibility, and understanding that circumstances within cottage or with Best Buddy may change unexpectedly
- Comfortable interacting with children
- Must be 21 years of age or older and pass criminal history background check
- 1 hour CPS Mandatory Reporter training
- TB test
- Fingerprinting if WA State resident for less than 3 years
- This position requires line of sight staff supervision in lieu of completing state mandated training for volunteers

## **Time Commitment**

- One-hour weekly or biweekly visits with Best Buddy for a minimum of six months

## **How to Apply**

To apply, download and complete the Volunteer Application in [PDF](#) or [Word](#) and email your resume with cover letter to [volunteer@ryther.org](mailto:volunteer@ryther.org).