

POSITION TITLE: Talk Time Volunteer **REPORTS TO:** Education Manager &

Volunteer Services

Coordinator

SCHEDULE & As needed – 1.5 hour UPCOMING DATES: 12/5/2024

HOURS: commitment per

session

OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY:

Talk Time is a unique opportunity for adults in Tacoma Community House's English Language Acquisition (ELA) Program to practice conversational English with volunteers in our community. Students are able to put their English skills into practice, while both conversation partners have the opportunity to ask questions and share experiences. Talk Time is often the only place where our students can engage in spontaneous conversations, which are important in building their language confidence and fluency.

Volunteers will be guided to one of our ELA classes and assigned a group of students to chat with. The teachers may have preselected prompts to discuss but the volunteers and students will have the chance to ask questions. Typically, a volunteer will switch groups to a new set of students part way through the session to participate in similar discussions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Fluency in English
- Passion for the mission and vision of Tacoma Community House
- Ability to build rapport with diverse groups of people across the community from different social, cultural, economic, and educational backgrounds.
- Deep respect and compassion for underserved communities

STEPS FOR APPLICATION:

If you are interested in participating as a Talk Time Volunteer, please email our Volunteer Services Coordinator at americorps2@tacomacommunityhouse.org or fill out our inquiry form on our website here.

We Are a Welcoming Workplace

Diversity, Inclusion, Empowerment, and Belonging are an integral part of who we are – our history, our culture, and our identity. These values lead us in our operations as we strive to build and nurture a workforce that reflects the communities we serve and connects to each other in our dedication to equity and social justice.

Tacoma Community House (TCH) is committed to increasing the diversity of its staff and clients and to strengthening sensitivity to diversity throughout the agency. In our relationships with staff, our participants, and our community, TCH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, age, national origin, marital or military status, sexual orientation, gender identity, the presence or perception of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, genetic information, or any other status or characteristic protected by local, state, or federal law. Applicants in need of accommodation are encouraged to call (253) 383-3951.

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