

## Making a difference

One of the greatest satisfactions of volunteering with Brant Family and Children's Services is knowing that you have helped to improve the life of a child and his or her parents.

You will meet interesting people, including children and families served by our agency, other volunteers, foster parents and staff.

Volunteering helps uncover and develop many skills you may not know you have-valuable skills you can add to your resume if you are looking for employment, starting your career or thinking about changing careers.

## Becoming a volunteer

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call our Coordinator of Volunteer Services at 519-753-8681 for more information.

An interview, police and personal reference session are all parts of the approval process. This process will determine whether volunteering for Brant Family and Children's Services is right for you.



Thank you for sharing your time and your talents.

We are here to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with any child protection concerns you may have.

**Office Hours: 8:30 to 4:30**

Call us during business hours to learn more about our service programs, adoption, foster care and/or volunteering.

## The Mission of Brant FACS

The well-being and safety of children and youth is our primary focus. Together with our community we strive to protect children and youth, and strengthen families.

## Our Ten Year Vision

- All children, youth and families are valued.
- Together, with the entire community, we share the responsibility of nurturing, protecting, educating and guiding all children, youth and their families.
- Families possess the wisdom, abilities and resources to build a successful family plan. We support their journey towards self-determination, safety and care.
- Children and youth have a voice and are involved in decision-making; we ensure they have the necessary resources to be well supported for success.
- Mutual trust and understanding is built through listening and communicating with respect and compassion.
- Hope replaces fear and families are open to receive help early.

**POSITIVE SPACE**



Welcome to our positive and anti-oppressive space, where every individual, regardless of age, is valued and respected whatever their culture, faith, ethnicity, race, ancestry, class, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity.



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**Brant Family and Children's Services**  
Since 1894

## Volunteering with FACS

**Make a Difference**



**Four in a Series**  
Working with Brant Family and Children's Services







## Our volunteers come from all walks of life

Volunteers are special people who choose to share their time, energy and special skills with the children and families we serve.

They are men and women, young and old, single and partnered, students, working people and retirees. They also come from diverse cultural, racial, ethnic and religious groups.

## Caring about children and families

If it were not for the efforts, expertise and commitment of our volunteers, Brant Family and Children's Services could not fully service the children and families who need our help.

Volunteers play an important role in the services we provide. Their contribution is invaluable and provides a vital link between our agency and the communities we serve.

## Volunteers provide a wide range of services

Opportunities to volunteer vary from one Family and Children's Services (also known as FACS, CAS, or Children's Aid Societies) to another, but generally volunteers can get involved in a wide range of services. We try to fit the assignment to the skills, interests and availability of each volunteer.

Some volunteers develop supportive relationships with children and families by becoming special friends or tutors.

Others participate in children's groups or take part in ongoing programs that benefit both children and their parents.

Some provide transportation services to increase accessibility of children / youth to access visits, treatment groups, meetings, appointments, short-term school transportation requests, recreational sports or extracurricular activities. (Mileage is reimbursed.)

Some donate their time in an administrative capacity helping with mailings, special projects and fundraising events.

Some become members of our organization and use their time and knowledge as members of our Board and/or Committees to help ensure our programs and services are in compliance with the law and Ministry guidelines, and meeting the needs of the community we serve.

No matter how you volunteer with us, you will be part of a team that includes staff, foster parents, children and families.

**Volunteers are people like you!**



## Training

Volunteers are encouraged to take part in numerous training opportunities offered by Brant FACS-training that provides valuable life skills and experience, enriching your own life as well as those around you.

**For more information contact:**  
Brant FACS Coordinator of Volunteer Services at: 519-753-8681

## Time commitments

There are volunteering opportunities available for whatever time commitment you are able to give. Some volunteers donate a few hours each week or month, while others donate a large part of their leisure time.

To make volunteering as convenient as possible, we will try to assign you to a program that is close to your home or work.

