

Job Title: Success Forward General Family Advocate

Propose: To increase the probability that “homeless” families with children in our InnBetween Transitional Housing program will obtain and maintain self-sufficiency and a higher quality of life after they graduate from our program.

Benefits: The family will benefit from having a committed individual advocate for and with them. The advocate will benefit from challenging work that directly affects families in our community who have experienced homelessness.

Qualifications: Open-minded, flexible, creative, and patient. The ability to problem solve, work independently, and communicate respectfully with our families and professionally with service providers, government agencies, private businesses, educational entities, and others.

Requirements: A criminal background check is required as volunteer advocates will be working with children as well as members of a vulnerable population.

Training: The volunteer will only work with families after completing training and supervised visits with the Success Forward social worker. Training will initially consist of review of the Success Forward Volunteer Handbook and discussion of topics with the Success Forward social worker.

Time: 2-4 hours per week; 1-year commitment required.

Location: LSSNF Office (606 West 4th Ave.) (phone, computer, conference room available) and family's home (scattered sites throughout Tallahassee).

Primary Role: Liaison with the family and program social worker and specialized advocates to assure needs of each family member are addressed and met.

Responsibilities and Activities:

- Work with Success Forward social worker to support, encourage, and actively assist family achieve self-sufficiency and measurably better lives for all family members.
- Work with Success Forward social worker and family to identify areas where family or individual members may need expert or specialized advocacy.
- Work with any expert or specialized advocates assigned to the family.
- Attend biweekly staffing meetings with social worker and other advocates.
- Keep logs of time spent with or on behalf of the family, activities, and outcomes.

Reporting relationship: The volunteer advocate will report to the Success Forward social worker.