



### **Call for Volunteers in the Preschool Speech & Language Program**

If you are interested in learning more about the work of speech-language practitioners or are looking to enter the field of speech-language pathology, our Program may be a great fit for you. We are seeking passionate, driven, and motivated volunteers to support our team while gaining clinical experience within the profession. We are a group of speech-language practitioners looking to share our knowledge and expose the intricacies of our field, and our clients are families who have children from birth to Junior Kindergarten entry with a wide variety of speech, language and communication difficulties.

We know that it is not always easy to find these opportunities, and we hope to create volunteer and informational interview opportunities for interested individuals from all equity seeking groups, especially those with lived experience from racialized and/or marginalized communities. Our goal is to attract volunteers from diverse backgrounds and support diverse candidates entering the field of speech-language pathology. We know that our clients benefit from a wide variety of experiences and perspectives and understand the importance of having a field of professionals that is reflective of the diversity of the City of Toronto and beyond.

#### **How to Volunteer:**

**Are you interested in gaining volunteer experience to enter the field?** Each summer (July & August) we take on a maximum of three volunteers in the program (at our various locations). To apply for this opportunity:

- Send a short statement of intent explaining your alignment with our goals in taking on volunteers (as stated above) to [psl@georgehull.on.ca](mailto:psl@georgehull.on.ca), by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- Include your availability to spend time in the program, knowing that most of our time spent in work/seeing clients occurs from Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.
  - We are happy to be flexible with scheduling (we know everyone has lots of commitments!) however we require you to commit to at least 8 workdays or 50 hours during your time with us, in a regular schedule (e.g. 1 day per week through the summer).
- Include confirmation that you have a Vulnerable Sector Check (completed within the last 12 months) and COVID-19 vaccination

Candidates will be contacted by email by mid-June, and those moving forward will be asked to provide references (e.g. employers, academic supervisor, etc.). Successful candidates will be required to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination, their completed Vulnerable Sector Check and will need to be at least 18 years of age. We will select candidates based on alignment with our volunteer program goals and availability.

**Are you interested in learning more about the field?** We also know it can be helpful to speak with a speech-language pathology practitioner to learn more about the profession! We would be happy to hear from you if this is something you're interested in. Please email [psl@georgehull.on.ca](mailto:psl@georgehull.on.ca) expressing your interest in speaking with a team member with a short statement of intent explaining your alignment with our goals in taking on volunteers (as stated in the Intro above).

Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to hearing from you!!

The George Hull Speech & Language Team