

# THE KIDSBRIDGE TOLERANCE CENTER

## **Volunteer Opportunity for TCNJ College Students**



The Kidsbridge Tolerance Center (formerly located in Forcina Hall, now in the **Ewing Senior and** Community Center) is less than two miles from TCNJ's campus. The Center hosts field trips of elementary and middle school students from around New Jersev. We teach: respect for all people; bullying prevention strategies; diversity appreciation; sensitivity to persons with disabilities; empathy and empowerment. The Kidsbridge program is guided by the most current research on effective character education and pro-social skills.

### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Our volunteer college students work with small groups of youth to guide them through activities and discussions. Working with small groups is an excellent way to develop as a new teacher. Students from other majors including psychology, sociology, gender studies and criminal justice also learn a lot from our program. Many of our visitors have Spanish as a first language, so bilingual teachers are in demand.

#### TRAINING

No experience is necessary! Just a desire to work with youth. New volunteers receive training from Kidsbridge staff and work with experienced teachers.

#### **TIME COMMITMENT**

Field trips are by appointment only and generally take place between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm during the week. Volunteers may work the entire session, or partial sessions from 9:30 am to noon or 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm. There are occasional late afternoon or weekend visits. Volunteers generally attend between two and six sessions per month.

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#### **OTHER WAYS TO VOLUNTEER**

Kidsbridge also provides opportunities for students with specific interests to do research and develop curriculum. Internship opportunities are available.

#### CENTER LOCATION

The Ewing Senior & Community Center 999 Lower Ferry Rd. Ewing, NJ 08628 (Two miles from TCNJ)

WEBSITE www.kidsbridgecenter.org