

Psychology Mentor

Philippines

This assignment has been negotiated in good faith with the Partner Organisation, and the information contained was correct at the time of acceptance of the request. However, while we take responsibility for matters under our direct control, all assignments and arrangements are subject to change. This assignment may be amended or withdrawn to reflect changes in circumstances.

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS

Assignment title	Psychology Mentor		
Partner Organisation	Kanlong Foundation for Differently Abled Children, Inc.		
Location	Silang, Cavite		
Website of Partner Organisation	http://www.kanlong.org/		
Duration of assignment	12 weeks	Start date	Preferably 07 June 2021 but can be flexible ☑
Type of assignment	Remote	Australian Organisation	N/A
Time commitment	Full time (25 hours per week or more) (Remote volunteers only)		

PARTNER ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

Kanlong Foundation for Differently-Abled Children, Inc. is a non-government organisation registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on 6 October 2017. They care for differently-abled children, more often referred to as “children with special needs” or “children with disabilities” such as children with Autism, ADHD, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and speech and language impairments.

They envision co-creating a vibrant, inclusive and enabling "SPACE" for differently-abled children with parents, teachers, facilitators volunteers, partners, and civil society. Kanlong Foundation aims to create spaces built on:

- Sensitivity to the felt and real needs of differently-abled children
- Protection of their basic human rights
- Affirmation of their different abilities, innate gifts and resources
- Cultivation of their creativity and facilitation of their
- Evolving capacities towards a life full of hope and meaning

The foundation's work includes advocacy and awareness, diagnosis and handholding, capacity building, and funding support. Their flagship project is Inakay Center for Child Development that begins with an assessment of a child’s psychological, developmental, and learning needs to provide them with appropriate assistance and interventions throughout their lifespan. They offer programs for early intervention and early childhood special education. They also have specialized programs such as referral for assessment to developmental pediatricians, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and preparatory to inclusive school setting. Another is life skills training or pre-vocational training as well as preparation for Department of Education’s Alternative Learning

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Other projects are Kaagapay, a community-based instruction program working with the PWD group and the family of those with disabilities. They also partner with schools to collaborate with in creating a more vibrant, enabling, and inclusive learning environment. Other projects are also in the works to better serve the community.

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Assignment overview

Kanlong Foundation caters to children, youth, and adults with special needs by offering programs across the life-span from early childhood to pre-employment. Part of their development is their mental health and well-being; this need is also true for their carers. Kanlong hopes to transcend a spectrum of limitation to unlimited possibilities by providing programs and different kinds of intervention and support for children, youth, and adults with special needs.

With this, a volunteer is requested to assist Kanlong in improving its psychological assessment, wellness, and counseling program and in increasing the capacity of staff in best international practices in psychoeducational assessment, case management, treatment plan, counseling and overall program. This will equip the staff with additional knowledge and skills necessary to do and give their best work for the children, youth, and adults with special needs. The role will entail assessment, resource writing, and capacity building. You will be helping Kanlong Foundation build a better and brighter future for the special needs community here in the Philippines.

Assignment objectives

To assist in developing a psychological program for the children and their families as well as manuals and procedures in psychoeducational assessment, case management, treatment plan and counseling children and families.

To increase the capacity of teachers and parents in effective wellness program

To include all people directly affected by the volunteer assignment in the Partner Organisation and community, using strategies that promote: gender equality; inclusion of youth; inclusion of people with a disability; child protection and safeguarding; inclusion of marginalised groups.

Duties and responsibilities of the volunteer

Assess current psychology program through discussions with teachers and learning facilitators and review of key documents and identify strengths and gaps for future planning

Provide training/mentoring sessions for staff on best practices in assessment, case management, treatment plan, counseling and performing other work-related duties

Observe online classes and therapy sessions with teachers and learning facilitators

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Selection criteria
Degree in Psychology - Clinical, Developmental, or Educational
Experience in psychological assessment, case management, treatment plan, program management, counseling
With high level of interpersonal skills, commitment to team work, coaching and mentorship capacity
Adept in and with professional experience in the field of psychology - program, counseling

Desirable skills, language and experience
Experience in psychological assessment, case management, treatment plan, program management, counseling
Strong communication skills and can work well with teams
Proficient in the use of technology and basic computer tools

Line Manager	Executive Director
Staff Supervision	No
Working relationships	The volunteer will work with all SPED teachers and learning facilitators as counterparts and may occasionally meet with students and teachers through online platforms
Hours and days of work	Monday to Friday, 1:00pm-5:00pm
Leave	All volunteers are entitled to 20 days leave per 12 months, unless advised otherwise. The same conditions and terms as local colleagues apply, including national holidays.
Professional indemnity insurance	No - This assignment is not deemed to require professional indemnity insurance
(Required for all volunteers who are acting as a medical, allied health or legal professional whilst on assignment.)	The volunteer should consult the partner organisation about the need for professional indemnity insurance for the role prior to departure. Where required and/or considered essential to hold this insurance, please discuss this with the Volunteer Services Manager in Melbourne prior to departure.

LIVING AS A VOLUNTEER

The Australian Volunteers Program supports volunteers from preparing to go on assignment through to returning home. For a full breakdown of support provided, please visit: <https://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteering/lifestyle-and-support/>

Living allowance	The full-time weekly allowance is \$AUD30. The allowance levels are based on the cost of living in the host country location and are listed in \$AUD. Allowances will be reviewed periodically and may increase or decrease.
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Accommodation allowance	N/A
Language support	Language support is provided during the in-country orientation period. Most often, additional resources for further development later in the assignment will be available if required.
Country profile	Learn more about the host country location by reading the country profile. We encourage candidates to research the specific location of this assignment as it will be discussed and addressed with a recruitment officer during the interview process. https://www.australianvolunteers.com/countries/philippines

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HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be submitted online through the Australian Volunteers Program website. If you have not already done so, you will need to register on our website prior to applying. For more information about how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteering/how-it-works>

We actively support and encourage people of all backgrounds and abilities to volunteer internationally, and aim to make the program as accessible and inclusive as possible. The program has a dedicated Indigenous Programs Coordinator to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander volunteers, who can be contacted at indigenouspathways@australianvolunteers.com. Access and inclusion plans are available for volunteers with disabilities, to ensure their assignments and living and working arrangements are made more accessible.

Personal circumstances

Due to security, cultural, legal or visa restrictions associated with this location, we ask that applicants disclose:

- If they have a criminal conviction where a criminal conviction may be relevant to the inherent requirements of the assignment.

