

## Fearless Friends Program Volunteer Counselor

**The Baker Center for Children and Families**, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of mental health services for children and families. We are seeking motivated undergraduate students to serve as volunteers for **Fearless Friends**, our evidence-based summer program for young children with Selective Mutism and Social Anxiety symptoms.

Fearless Friends is a short-term, intensive summer program for children ages 3–9. Grounded in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy for Selective Mutism (PCIT-SM) techniques, the program creates a fun, supportive environment that simulates real-world social and academic situations. The program operates with a 1:1 adult-to-child ratio, allowing for individualized support and repeated opportunities for children to practice “brave talking” across activities and settings.

Volunteers will gain hands-on experience working alongside licensed clinicians in a summer program setting. The role includes structured training in Selective Mutism, PCIT-SM principles, and exposure-based interventions, along with ongoing supervision and feedback. This position is well suited for students interested in pursuing graduate training in clinical, counseling, or school psychology, or related fields.

### Volunteer activities may include:

- Supporting children during structured group routines and play-based activities
- Assisting with exposure-based activities embedded in daily routines
- Helping track participation points and celebrating children’s progress
- Supporting community-based outings (e.g., museums, store visits)
- Modeling communication strategies consistent with PCIT-SM
- Participating in daily team check-ins and supervision discussions

### The Successful Applicant Will:

- Be a psychology or other relevant major with related coursework or experience
- Have a strong interest in working with young children
- Be interested in pursuing graduate training in psychology, education, or related fields
- Demonstrate strong interpersonal, organizational, and professional skills

### Position Details

- **Position Type:** Volunteer
- **Required Availability:**
  - Staff Training: Monday–Friday, July 27–31, 2026
    - Time TBD
  - Lead-In Sessions: Monday–Friday, August 3–7, 2026
    - Time TBD
  - Program Week: Monday–Friday, August 10–14, 2026
    - 8am–3pm
- **Location:** The Baker Center for Children and Families: 53 Parker Hill Ave, Boston, MA 02120

### Application Process

Interested applicants should submit:

- Resume
- Brief cover letter detailing relevant experiences, interests, and goals

Materials should be sent to: [fearlessfriends@bakercenter.org](mailto:fearlessfriends@bakercenter.org)