



DIRECT SERVICES JOB DESCRIPTION

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Children and Youth Advocate Volunteer/Internship

Hours Per Week: 2-4 hours per week
Supervisor: Youth Coordinator

General Description: Volunteer will assist with childcare, youth activities, and advocacy of shelter youth to support children and youth who have experienced abuse and violence.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Provide advocacy and childcare for shelter youth and children
2. Be a listening ear for youth and children who are dealing with big changes in their life
3. Promote a message of peace in our communities, families, and the world
4. Assist in designing creative and fun activities that promote team membership and social change
5. Assist in maintaining youth play space at shelter that meets the needs of children who have experienced trauma.

Requirements:

1. Complete volunteer application and interview with Volunteer and Education Coordinator.
2. Complete the attached mandatory SafePlace Orientation Training.
3. Complete on-the-job training with the assigned team leader.
4. Complete 30 hours of mandatory on-going direct service training a year, which includes 15 hours advocacy-based counseling, 12 hours sexual assault training, and 3 hours CPR/First Aid.

Traits Needed:

1. Comfortable with negotiating multiple tasks with flexibility
2. A desire to work to empower families experiencing violence
3. A desire to work within a structure dedicated to collective action for social change
4. A positive perspective about working to end domestic and sexual violence
5. Comfort and flexibility with the unexpected

Commitment

1. Commit to serve a minimum of 12 months in the position.
2. Cover one shift or activity each week.

Assigned Shift or Activity:

As needed—same time and day each week. Flexible and based on your schedule. College Credit may be available through your educational institution.

Evaluations: Evaluations will be conducted annually. The supervisor will conduct an evaluation with the volunteer and the volunteer will be asked to evaluate her/his SafePlace experiences.

Volunteer Signature

Date

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