



organization information

Volunteer Title: Drop-In Life Skills Volunteer

Location: The Ground Floor

Reports to: Rowan Salton

Hours: 1-3 hours once a month

Commitment: 6 months

Date Developed: Spring 2021

Mission: Northwest Youth Services collaborates with at-risk, runaway and homeless youth to foster self-reliance.

Vision: All young people have a place to belong: to be safe, heard and valued.

job mission

This position contributes to Northwest Youth Services values and vision by supporting our youth in different life pursuits and skills. Our daylight homeless shelter, The Ground Floor, offers youth access to critical resources, a safe place to hang out and open access to case workers who can support them in finding housing and employment. Volunteers will provide our youth with an activity to participate in during our open hours. Activities could range from an exercise class, meditation, creative pursuits (painting, knitting, clay), or a hobby that you would like to share. Please plan on providing all resources for clients to participate in this activity.

key responsibilities

- Commit to NWYS mission and values;
- Dedicate to long-term support of our community;
- Build healthy, safe relationships with runaway and homeless youth ages 13-24 in Whatcom County;
- Provide non-judgmental and unconditional support to young people experiencing homelessness;
- Socialize with youth on topics of interest;
- Present a life skill, hobby or creative pursuit to share with clients;
- Provide resources for clients to participate in the activity;
- Understand that engagement and developing positive relationships and trust with young adults may take time;
- Openness to working with diverse population of young adults who may have experienced trauma, addiction, or mental health challenges.



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Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma or GED;
- Must be willing to complete NWYS Volunteer trainings; and
- Must pass background check.

