



New Beginnings empowers survivors and mobilizes community awareness and action to end domestic violence.

LEGAL CLINIC ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Facilitate legal advocacy services for those experiencing domestic violence

HOURS:

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 9:15 pm

LOCATION: Downtown Seattle

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES: New Beginnings provides services to those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence - physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. Some who use our services are in physical danger. Others are living with controlling partners in relationships that are emotionally abusive. In this position, you will directly impact the lives of those experiencing domestic violence.

Specific responsibilities include:

- ✓ Prepare clinic for attorneys and clients
- ✓ Provide support, information, and safety planning to clients
- ✓ Prioritize clients' needs and prepare them to meet with the attorney
- ✓ Provide efficient response to client and attorney needs through evening
- ✓ Conduct intake and exit interviews with client

REQUIREMENTS: Becoming a volunteer at New Beginnings is a rewarding and engaging experience that requires a serious commitment. Requirements include:

- ✓ One-year commitment to agency (min. six-month commitment to position), 4 hours each week
- ✓ Attend Domestic Violence Volunteer & Advocacy Training
- ✓ Experience in a direct service role serving low-income, diverse populations in crisis
- ✓ Excellent organizational skills: assisting with paperwork, researching, referencing, and relaying complex legal definitions
- ✓ Respect of others' individual choices and values
- ✓ Ability to communicate well with persons from various cultures and backgrounds (including communicating through an interpreter).
- ✓ Ability to listen effectively, communicates clearly, and express oneself with patience and flexibility.
- ✓ Ability to work as part of a team.
- ✓ Interest in broadening knowledge base by learning new ideas through training, supervision and evaluation.

BENEFITS: At New Beginnings, you'll find a close-knit group of passionate, dedicated professionals working with program participants and other community members to end domestic violence. You'll be a part of this mission, working towards the elimination of violence. You'll also develop or refine your advocacy skills and deepen your understanding of domestic violence.

If interested, please visit our website at: <http://www.newbegin.org/get-involved/volunteer> or contact the Community Engagement Coordinator at 206.926.3016 for next steps!