



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

## **LEGAL CLINIC SCREENING ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Work with legal advocates to provide clients with efficient and beneficial support for legal questions.

### **HOURS:**

Wednesdays, 1pm – 4pm

**LOCATION:** North 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:

- ✓ Assist the Legal Advocate in screening calls for domestic violence family law issues
- ✓ Provide support, information, and safety planning to callers
- ✓ Prioritize caller's needs, schedule appointment with caller and with attorneys for legal clinic

**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
- ✓ Respect of others' individual choices and values
- ✓ Knowledge of family law issues
- ✓ Experience working with victims of domestic violence survivors in legal environment
- ✓ Understanding of dynamics of domestic violence.
- ✓ Ability to communicate well with persons from various cultures and backgrounds.
- ✓ Ability to listen effectively, communicate clearly, and express oneself with patience and flexibility.
- ✓ Ability to function well in a stressful environment.
- ✓ Ability to work as part of a team.
- ✓ Interest in broadening knowledge base by learning new ideas through training, supervision and evaluation.
- ✓ Strong organizational skills.

**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!*