



**TITLE:** Street Outreach YMCA Volunteer

**REPORTS TO:** Street Outreach Program Coordinator

**PROGRAM:** Street Outreach Program

The YMCA Volunteer will assist Street Outreach staff in supervising and engaging youth and young adults ages 12-24 from Rosie's Place who attend our bi monthly trips to the YMCA.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Supervise youth and young adults to ensure safe and appropriate behavior while accessing recreational activities at the YMCA. This includes making sure youth follow and understand the YMCA's code of conduct
- Encourage youth to access recreational opportunities by engaging with them in those activities.
- Be a positive ambassador for CYS's services when talking to other YMCA patrons, staff, or volunteers.
- Help staff prepare for trips to the YMCA by assisting in gathering swimwear and towels, hygiene supplies, and snacks
- Help youth complete YMCA usage agreements
- Stay calm, alert, and at all times respond to the directions of outreach staff
- Demonstrate teamwork and open communication
- Attend team meetings in addition to ongoing trainings on an as needed basis
- Track services by completing tallies at the end of each YMCA trip.
- Follow all CYS agency policies and procedures, RCWs, WACs, external regulations and Code of Ethics

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must pass Washington State Criminal History background check
- Positive regard for young people, and a desire to work with runaway and homeless youth
- A strong interest in and ability to participate in recreational activities for youth which may include swimming, basketball, working out, etc.
- Ability to maintain the confidentiality of participant information
- Ability to approach young people and situations with a non-judgmental attitude
- A strong awareness of one's own personal boundaries, non-verbal communication styles, and a commitment to maintaining professional boundaries at all times
- A strong awareness of one's own personal values and ability to not let those values impact your ability to meet youth where they are at
- Commitment to maintaining a positive work environment that values diversity and does not tolerate discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, class, faith or age
- Volunteers with experience in aquatics and/or swimming instruction are strongly encouraged to apply

**TIME COMMITMENT:**

We ask all volunteers to commit to at least 1 year of service. This time commitment ensures the relationships you establish with youth remain consistent over a period of time.

- 2-4 hours of initial training and orientation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday from 1pm to 4pm (total of 6 hours per month)
- Additional outreach team meetings and training on an as needed basis

**BENEFITS:**

- Exposure to working with a diverse group of young people
- Training and skill building opportunities that will be useful to you in many ways beyond the Street Outreach program (i.e. conflict resolution, advocacy, engagement, crisis response, etc.)
- Having a better understanding of the plight of homeless youth and solutions to addressing homelessness
- Using your skills to directly impact the lives of young people in a positive way
- Giving back to your community in a substantial and meaningful way
- Joining a rad team of dedicated volunteers and outreach workers

**TO APPLY:**

- E-mail completed Volunteer Application (found at [www.communityyouthservices.org](http://www.communityyouthservices.org) or in person at 711 State Ave NE Olympia, WA 98506) to HR Manager, Wanda Michael.
- Please reference "Street Outreach YMCA Volunteer" in the subject line