



101 E Market Street
Aberdeen, WA 98520

JOB DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM: HOPE Youth Shelter

TITLE: Youth Shelter Advocate

JOB CLASSIFICATION: Shelter Support Services

SALARY RANGE: \$14.98 – 17.90/hour

DEPARTMENT: Housing & Community Services

POSITION TYPE: Full-time, Hourly
Part-Time, Hourly
On-Call, Hourly

POSTING STATUS: Open until filled.

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: Reports to Placement and Liaison Specialist (PALS) or Shelter Program Manager.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The HOPE Youth Shelter opening in January 2021 is now hiring for all shifts. Full-time, part-time and on-call positions are available.

The Youth Advocate directly supports youth voluntarily staying at a HOPE youth shelter in Aberdeen, WA. The shelter provides temporary residence, assessment, referrals, and permanency planning services for unsheltered youth under the age of 18.

This position will play a critical role in assuring the shelter's efficient operation, working to sustain a safe environment and healthy culture needed to support successful stays and exits for youth utilizing the shelter.

FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Maintains a positive and healthy community for youth in care.
2. Provides guidance for youth to maintain safe and positive behavior.
3. Ensures that the shelter operates effectively and in compliance with all relevant rules and regulations.
4. Maintains program structure and provides clear and consistent expectations.
5. Works closely with CCAP Care Coordinators and Youth Navigator to refer youth to other programs and resources.
6. Documents shelter operations and support to individuals.
7. Maintains calm therapeutic presence during escalated situations.
8. Supports Lead Advocate and other supervisors in providing conflict resolution for youth.
9. Reports issues or concerns to designated Supervisors.
10. Completes incident reports and notifies appropriate parties when necessary.
11. Prepares nutritionally balanced meals for and with youth.
12. Successfully completes all required training.
13. Participates in staff meetings.
14. Provides other direct support to sheltering youth as directed.
15. Completes other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. High School diploma/GED.
2. Professional experience supporting youth who are homeless and housing insecure. Lived experience may substitute.
3. Ability to pass and maintain a background check.

4. Current WA Driver's License and auto insurance. Clear driving record is required.
5. Excellent written and oral communication skills.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. Bachelor's degree in relevant field.
2. Minimum 2 years' professional experience supporting at-risk youth.
3. Lived experience successfully navigating from homelessness.
4. Bilingual - English/ Spanish
5. Proficiency in utilizing the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
6. Training in Motivational Interviewing and Trauma-Informed Care.
7. Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite.
8. Other cultural competencies that enhance CCAP's capacity to engage and support diversity in client cultures and experience.

LOCATION/WORKING HOURS: The HOPE Youth Shelter is located in Aberdeen, WA. The shelter operates continuously, 7 days per week.

This position is subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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