



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE VOLUNTEERS

Date Posted: May 16, 2022

Competition Number: 029-22/23

Locations: Kelowna, Lake Country & West Kelowna

Boys and Girls Clubs Okanagan is seeking volunteers with time, energy, a desire to learn, and a passion for youth. The Youth Restorative Justice Program offers a court-alternative resolution process for youth ages 12-24. It emphasizes repairing the harm caused by conflict and crime. It holds the youth accountable for their actions. The process is collaborative, inclusive, and respectful. It involves the participation of those who caused the harm and those harmed in finding a solution that repairs and promotes trust and harmony. Conferences are facilitated by trained volunteers who assist in discussion and program completion.

Why Volunteer:

- This is a great opportunity for individuals looking to increase their volunteer experience
- Ideal for someone who is interested in supporting youth who have become involved in the criminal justice system and need a second chance
- Given the opportunity to develop skills such as leadership, communication, conflict resolution, and facilitation abilities
- Able to make recommendations towards development of the program
- Learn more about the youth and adult criminal justice systems, and restorative justice practices
- Provided with opportunities such as networking with community resources and professional development workshops

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Facilitate conferences primarily at the Downtown Youth Centre in Kelowna, and occasionally in West Kelowna, Rutland, and Lake Country
- Be available to attend at least one (1) conference per month
- Support program participants and prevent re-victimization
- Follow program policies and procedures
- Keep in good communication with participants and staff
- Maintain high level of confidentiality, maturity, insight, and respect
- Be available with 1 weeks' notice depending on program conference need

Training and Qualifications:

- Must be available to complete 2-day facilitation training
Restorative Justice Community Justice Forum training
May 28 & 29, 9am-4pm in Kelowna
- Attend additional volunteer training/meetings as needed
- Gain knowledge of community resources and the criminal justice system
- Excellent interpersonal skills with a wide variety of youth and adults
- Ideal candidates will feel comfortable speaking in public settings

Hours: 2-8 hours per month. Flexible; must be available weekday evenings and/or weekends.

Closing Date: May 25, 2022

Please send resume and cover letter to:

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