



**Sex Trafficking & Exploitation Program Volunteer/Intern
Part-time; Unpaid Opportunities
Job Opening: Continuous**

Rebuilding Hope! Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County has served the area for almost 50 years and is the only State-Accredited Community Sexual Assault Program to offer confidential victim advocacy and specialized therapy services along with prevention education and community outreach and education.

The **Sex Trafficking & Exploitation Program (STEP)** has been operating as a program within Rebuilding Hope! since 2015 to serve those who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. To date, we are the only State-Accredited Community Sexual Assault Program to offer services to those who have experienced or are at-risk for commercial sexual exploitation in Pierce County. We provide confidential, wrap-around case management services to anyone who is experiencing, has experienced or is at-risk for exploitation. We operate a Drop-In Center that offers clients a safer place to access basic needs such as food, hygiene products, laundry services and community resources.

STEP services are centered around encouraging the empowerment of victim-survivors, providing emotional support, and reducing barriers for access to other resources in the community. We are trauma-informed, client-led and client driven, operating with a harm reduction model.

Opportunity: We are looking for members of our community who have a passion for serving survivors of sexual violence and exploitation to apply to join our team of trauma-informed, confidential case managers who assist in the outreach, operation and programming of our Drop-in Center.

There are no educational requirements to be eligible to join our team, but you do have to be 18 or older and may be required to have access to reliable transportation. If you have specialized skills to offer, including language skills, any certifications or prior experience working with vulnerable populations or individuals who have experienced trauma, please include that in your application.

Below is an outline of the different levels that volunteers/interns can serve at depending on their level of training and experience per supervisors' approval:



STATUS	TRAINING REQUIRED	TASKS/RESPONSIBILITIES
Level 1	Agency Orientation STEP Orientation	Entry level. Volunteers/interns at this level will perform outreach and representation at community events, development team assistance and assist with any Drop-In Center support activities, including house maintenance. This position does not allow for any individual or independent client contact or direct service. Provide availability for a minimum of 5 hours per week.
Level 2	Agency Orientation Basic Sexual Assault & Awareness Training Commercial Sexual Exploitation 101 STEP Orientation Ongoing training as available	Upon approval from the Coordinator & Director, and after a minimum of 90 days at Level 1, volunteers/interns may progress to Level 2. They may begin to have supervised client interactions while assisting with programming & services at the Drop-In Center. <i>(24/7 Advocates may be eligible to begin at this Level upon completion of their term as an Advocate)</i> Provide availability for a minimum of 5-8 hours per week.
Level 3	Agency Orientation Basic Sexual Assault & Awareness Training Commercial Sexual Exploitation 101 STEP Orientation Ongoing training as available	Upon approval from the Coordinator & Director, and after a minimum of 60 days at Level 2, volunteers/interns may progress to Level 3. They will be able to provide direct services to clients unsupervised, at the direction of the Coordinator. Provide availability for a minimum of 8 hours per week.

You don't have any prior professional experience working with survivors of sexual violence? That's ok! We are approved by the State and the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs to provide the State's required 30+ hours of Core Sexual Assault training to any/all who are interested in volunteering and interning with our agency in addition to our internal orientation and training program. We are also certified through the Center for Children and Youth Justice to offer state- and federally- approved



curriculum on “Identifying and Responding to Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Youth” to satisfy our Commercial Sexual Exploitation 101 training.

If you are interested in learning if volunteering or interning with the Sex Trafficking & Exploitation Program could be a good fit for you, we encourage you to access our application, review its contents and submit a completed application along with a current resume so you can be contacted for an interview with the Program Engagement Coordinator.

State-required training cohorts are scheduled every February, June, and October in Tacoma, so don't wait to apply and learn now how we can strategize a training plan for you that will prepare you to join our team.

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check through Washington State Patrol.

The Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County provides services to any individual whose life has been impacted by sexual violence, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, disability, pregnancy, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, age, income, veteran status, marital status, or any other basis prohibited by federal, state or local law.