

Court Accompaniment Volunteer

Position Description and Roles and Responsibilities

Hours and Location:

Monday-Friday

8:30 am – variable

Bellevue Courthouse and/or Seattle Courthouse

****Volunteers needed only when a participant requests this service***

Position Description

The Court Accompaniment Volunteer will go with participants to court dates and offer support. Volunteers will be contacted by email when a participant requests a court accompaniment and will be provided the following information: participant's name, phone number, location and time of court date, reason for court date, and any other pertinent information. This information is to stay confidential.

Duties:

- Call participant one day before court to check in and make plan for meeting at court
- Confirm with participant the time, location, and reason for court date
- Attend court with participant
- Offer support to participant
- Communicate with primary advocate for support or information needed

Requirements:

- Complete volunteer application and background check paperwork
- Attend mandatory 20 hour Volunteer and Domestic Violence Advocacy training
- Commitment of 6 months - 1 year



- Responsible and dependable, provide at least 24-hours notice if unable to provide this service
- Must be comfortable with calling and meeting with participants one-on-one
- Continued training on domestic violence, legal advocacy and trauma informed advocacy

Qualifications:

- Ability to listen effectively and provide genuine support
- Ability to develop rapport with survivors
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Ability to remain calm in times of crisis and de-escalate crisis situations when necessary
- Ability to work with diverse populations

Reports to:

Legal Advocacy Coordinator

