



CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CANADA

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Volunteer Opportunity – Recreational Activities Leader Role Description

ABOUT US

Fraser Valley Community Corrections Volunteer Program offers meaningful and challenging roles for volunteers interested in working with adult males serving federal sentences.

In partnership with John Howard Society Pacific, this program allows citizens from our communities to be involved with and contribute to the correctional process. The individuals that we work with are adult male parolees serving the remainder of their federal sentences in the community.

LOCATIONS

Abbotsford and/or Chilliwack. Duties may be performed in one or more of the following settings: Community-Based Residential Facilities (halfway houses); parole office; or in the community. At this time, all volunteer activities will take place outdoors until further notice.

ROLE PURPOSE

This position will participate as part of a broader community support network by providing leadership of recreational activities for federally sentenced adult males who are living on conditional release in a Community-Based Residential Facility. Many of our clients struggle with mental health diagnoses such as PTSD, bi-polar disorder and depression. The promotion of healthy activities factor prominently in the volunteer program.



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These activities may include:

- games nights
- hiking and sports
- cultural celebrations
- community tours and outings
- book clubs
- volunteer projects
- pet visitation
- and more

TIME COMMITMENT AND SUPERVISION

The position requires a minimum commitment of 2-3 hours per week for a period of 12 months. Times may vary weekly and monthly according to need and volunteer's availability.

Volunteers are supervised by and accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator. Your volunteer coordinator is Jen Romero. She can be reached at jennifer.romero@jhspacific.ca or 604-226-9836.

Supervision will include regular check-ins, coaching and feedback, recognition, and a mutual evaluation meeting after 60 days of volunteering.



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REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to successfully complete a Security Clearance and Criminal Records Check
- Age 19 or older
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Interacts with residents one-on-one and in group settings while on-site or in the community
- Provides group life skills education sessions according to interests and expertise
- Reports concerns to Volunteer Coordinator/Program Manager immediately
- Attends volunteer orientation session prior to working with clients
- Attends other trainings and meetings as available
- Submits monthly activity and hours report to Volunteer Coordinator
- Offers ideas and feedback to Volunteer Coordinator to help improve services
- Checks in with Volunteer Coordinator upon starting and finishing volunteer shifts
- Communicates with the Volunteer Coordinator to inform them of their availability, or disclose relevant changes in their personal situation
- Is dependable to maintain a consistent level of commitment throughout their volunteer obligation
- Is punctual and arrives on time for all shifts
- Models behaviour that respects the dignity of all persons, regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or past history



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QUALIFICATIONS

- Has strong interpersonal, communication, and active listening skills
- Has engaging and interactive presentation skills
- Has expertise or experience with a relevant life skills topic(s)
- Is self-directed in identifying problems and facilitating creative, responsible problem-solving
- Has a non-judgmental attitude, confidence, patience, be assertive in setting boundaries
- Is resourceful, flexible, and organized
- Is willing to work with all individuals regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, beliefs or values
- Is able to maintain strict confidentiality requirements
- Communicates with the Volunteer Coordinator to inform them of their availability, or disclose relevant changes in their personal situation
- Is dependable to maintain consistent level of commitment throughout their volunteer obligation
- Is punctual and organized in coordinating their schedule to ensure they are on time for all shifts
- Models behaviour that respects the dignity of all persons, regardless of their age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or past history
- Adheres to CSC's policies and procedures

BENEFITS

- Positively contribute to public safety and the correctional process
- Gain valuable workplace experience
- Help isolated individuals to reintegrate into the community
- Build personal and professional connections in the community
- Training and development opportunities



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HOW TO APPLY

To initiate the application process please submit your resume to jennifer.romero@jhspacific.ca