Habitat for Humanity Mid-Willamette Valley

H2° Program
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Habitat for Humanity Mid-Willamette Valley (HFHMWV) brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Our vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

The H2° Program engages youth age 16-24 to work on Habitat construction projects and gain valuable job training. After completing 224 hours of training youth are eligible for a SEDCOR Certificate. This certificate is locally recognized by the SEDCOR Construction Alliance. Through this program Habitat is able to serve more low-income families and youth have the opportunity to gain employment skills.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

The H2° Program aims to empower young people with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in life. The Youth Construction Trainer works with youth to help them learn the use of tools and basic construction tasks. HFHMWV also provides a tool belt and a set of hand tools as incentive to youth as they complete their training hours. Once their hours are completed, youth are eligible to receive the SEDCOR certificate as a credential for future employment opportunities.

Projects will include the construction of homes for HFH partner families who are low-income, first-time homeowners. H2° youth will also complete repair projects through our A Brush with Kindness program, which helps low-income families maintain the exterior of their homes.

Youth leave the program with increased knowledge of construction, leadership skills, and self-respect. They will see a positive change in their attitudes towards authority, education, and community.

We also provide outstanding participants with referrals to local employers in the construction trade industry.

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ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

- Help at-risk youth gain construction, employment, and life skills
- Assist the Youth Construction Trainer (HFHMWV staff member) on the Habitat job site
- Serve as a role model and mentor for youth participants
- Provide one-on-one instruction to youth on basic construction tasks
- Arrive on-time and consistently to work sessions
- Build a relationship with youth that is based on support and trust
- Some case management work in the office may be required (such as tracking hours, contacting youth, etc.)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to commit to at least one full cohort session (usually 6-8 weeks)
- Experience & sensitivity to working with at-risk youth
- Ability to work as a part of a team, follow instructions, and take initiative
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to listen to youth and be non-judgmental
- Basic construction knowledge is a plus!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY SCREENS ALL KEY VOLUNTEERS WITH A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.