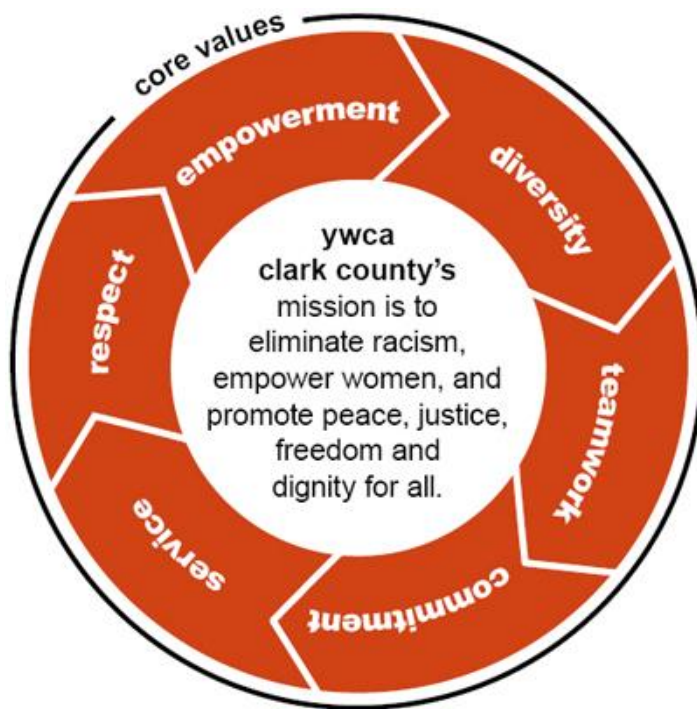


Volunteer and Internship Opportunities

YWCA Clark County's mission is eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. The success of YWCA Clark County rests in the strength and energy of its dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and talent to the organization. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available with YWCA. Many programs also offer unpaid internships to students and those seeking to gain professional skills.



diversity – we celebrate and respect our differences and recognize the dignity of each individual

teamwork – we cooperate to achieve our shared vision

commitment – we believe in and live our mission and we are authentic in our word and deed

service – we are leaders in providing quality and innovative service in a caring, compassionate, safe environment

respect – we value and honor individual ideas, contributions and opinions

empowerment – we provide the tools and support that build self-esteem and foster positive life choice

benefits & requirements of volunteer service

As a YWCA volunteer you will:

- Engage in work that directly supports YWCA's mission
- Be provided with free training to prepare you for your role
- Be provided ongoing supervision and support from experienced staff
- Join a team of dedicated and skilled professionals
- Make an impact on the lives of survivors of violence and oppression

As a YWCA volunteer, you are required to:

- Uphold the mission and values of YWCA
- Complete at least 12 hours of YWCA core training within your first six months of service
- Pass a criminal background check*
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Commit to your volunteer role (minimum length of time varies by program)
- Not have received YWCA services for at least 12 months and up to 2 years

*YWCA relies on Washington Administrative Code (WAC) as a minimum requirement of eligibility. Additional criteria may apply. To view WAC restrictions, [click here](#).

Sexual Assault Program

The purpose of the Sexual Assault Program is to lessen the trauma of sexual assault for victim/survivors and their families. Volunteer advocates offer non-judgmental support, information and referrals for victim/survivors who have experienced sexual assault recently or in the past. Volunteers provide advocacy for all ages throughout the healing process, including support at medical exams, law enforcement interviews, and during the criminal justice process. They support the victim/survivor's emotional healing process by maintaining regular contact, relaying information, and listening with compassion. A comprehensive 30-hour pre-service training is provided. Volunteers are required to complete 12 hours of continuing education annually.

Advocates must be 20 years or older to provide direct services to victim/survivors. Advocates between 18-20 years of age are encouraged to do outreach/prevention work.

Volunteers are needed on weekdays between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Child and Adult Advocacy

Advocacy services include:

- Staffing the 24-hour hotline.
- Providing emotional support to adult victim/survivors, child victims and their families.
- Medical advocacy, providing emotional support for victims and their families during hospital/medical exams and collection of evidence.
- Ongoing support for all sexual assault victim/survivors and their families, regardless of prosecution status, which includes regular contact and community resource referrals.
- Indirect advocacy may be provided by volunteers in the form of general office support and participation in special projects.

Support Groups

After attending an additional one-day Support Group Facilitator Training, volunteer advocates may have the opportunity to co-facilitate sexual assault support groups for teen girls, adult survivors, non-offending parents of children who have been sexually assaulted and adult women who identify as Latina.