

POSITION: FAIR HOUSING COUNSELOR

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: Housing Manager

PROGRAM: Dispute Resolution Center

HOURS & WAGES: Full Time/ \$17 - \$19 per hour DOE

DATE OF DESCRIPTION: September 2015

GENERAL FUNCTION:

Coordinate the overall operations of the Snohomish County fair housing program including; providing ongoing fair housing education and counseling services to tenants, creating and maintaining of fair housing training materials and completing targeted outreach efforts to homeless and low-income residents in Snohomish County. Provide support to the Housing Manager in the day to day provision of services for Renter Certification program and landlord-tenant services. Assist in collecting data required for reporting.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in a related field. Related experience can be substituted for educational requirements.
- Knowledge of fair housing laws.
- Demonstrated belief in alternative dispute resolution processes.
- Experience on training adult learners and working with diverse populations.
- Ability to remain neutral when assisting two people in conflict.
- Must possess excellent customer service skills and people skills, strong communication skills; maintain composure while completing diverse tasks.
- Ability to exercise good judgment, be compassionate, dependable and be willing to complete office tasks as necessary; demonstrate initiative in applying problem-solving skills to office challenges.
- Competence in MS Office required, especially Word.
- Bilingual Spanish/English desired.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES:

- Educate tenants on discrimination in housing by providing group and one-on-one trainings.
- Respond to fair housing questions/inquiries and make appropriate referrals, in-person and over the phone.
- Obtain and record the demographic information of the persons who receive fair housing education/counseling services.
- Answer calls from the public and provide information on Landlord/Tenant rights and responsibility with a goal toward collaborative problems solving which allows tenant to maintain housing.
- Support Housing Manager with Renter Certification classes in English.
- Coordinate with Housing Manager to attend meetings and events including Point In Time Count around Snohomish County as required by EHP requirements.
- Maintain records as required by EHP grant and maintain call records as required for EHP Quarterly Reporting.
- Stay current on all Washington State fair housing issues.
- Complete outreach efforts including meetings, events and brochure/flyer distribution.

If you wish to apply for this position, please email your cover letter and resume to: recruiter@voaww.org.

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