

Volunteer Application



Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Work phone _____ Email _____

Can we leave a voice message at any of these numbers? _____

All volunteer and interns will be required to meet basic requirements, take part in various trainings, and undergo background checks.

Are you willing to agree to the following background checks: Child Protective Services, criminal, and driving record check? YES NO

1. What is your understanding of domestic abuse?
2. Describe your work experience and past/current volunteer activities, if any.
3. Please describe the skills and strengths you would bring to Next Step and any special training or certification.

When are you available to volunteer and how many hours a week or month would you be interested in volunteering?

NOTE: The policy of Next Step is to provide equal employment opportunities to all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, genetic predisposition, disability and/or veteran status.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Hotline: (Help from home!) Hotline volunteers take calls from their home to assist those using our 24-hour hotline. Coverage is done in shifts: during the day (8am-4:30 pm) and in the evening (4:30 pm-8am) though the actual start and end time may be modified to fit a volunteer's schedule. Most calls involve listening and safety planning, and there is ALWAYS back up staff to assist you. This is our greatest ongoing need!

Court Advocate: Work with Next Step Staff and Legal Team to accompany clients in Ellsworth, Machias, and Calais courts for civil matters. This may include obtaining protection orders (PFA/PFH), divorce mediation, parental rights and responsibilities; attend pertinent office meetings and/or workshops. Court advocates are needed M-F during court hours of 8am – 4pm.

Child Services / Child Care: Provide childcare at Next Step's centers for children while the parent/guardian attends court or support group, speaks with an advocate, and/or other related activities. Childcare volunteers are needed during the day and in the evening.

Board Member: Board members support the work, mission and staff of the Next Step. The board generally meets every other month, with other potential committee duties.

Community Events and Awareness: Next Step has various outreach and awareness events throughout the year such as the Chocolate Brunch, Blueberry Festival, health and job fairs, legislative issues, and fundraisers. We have needs for single one-time commitments (such as handing out water at the Blueberry Run or assisting at a presentation) or more long term commitments with organizing events and providing education and awareness.

Other ideas: Please feel free to talk to Next Step staff about other ideas you may have! We often have one time, unique needs (such as transportation, help with moving, assisting with furniture or clothing etc), internship projects, or specific activities for clients. What special skills, knowledge and strengths do you bring to the table?