

## ATVP VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE TRAINING

Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse offers advocate training sessions each year. Fall training begins in September. Details about the 42.5 hour training can be found at our website.

Training topics include:

- Crisis Intervention
- Listening, Counseling & Advocacy
- Suicide Intervention
- Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence
- Medical Advocacy
- Legal Advocacy
- Child Advocacy
- Effects of Victimization
- And much, much more!

You must attend all 42.5 hours to be eligible as a volunteer advocate.

For more information on ATVP volunteer advocate training or to receive an application, please visit our website at [www.atvp.org](http://www.atvp.org) or contact the Volunteer and Intern Coordinator at (208) 882-2490 or at [atvpmoscow@turbonet.com](mailto:atvpmoscow@turbonet.com).

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**24-Hour Hotline**  
Collect Crisis Calls Accepted

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## VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Alternatives to Violence  
of the Palouse

Help for victims and  
survivors of domestic  
violence and  
sexual assault

24-hour Crisis Hotline  
(208) 883-HELP  
or  
(509) 332-HELP

## WHAT IS ATVP AND WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

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Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse is a non-profit agency that has been providing services and support to victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as their concerned partners, friends, and family members, since 1979. All ATVP services are confidential, free of charge, and provided without discrimination to women, children (with parental consent), and men of all ages.

Our mission is to affirm and support non-violence in our community. We believe it is essential to provide opportunities to everyone for safety, advocacy, learning, and self-determination. We believe in creating and maintaining an atmosphere of mutual respect, trust, support, and collaboration among staff, interns, and volunteer advocates.

ATVP staff, interns, and volunteers provide 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy-based counseling, legal advocacy, medical advocacy, child advocacy, support groups, information and referrals, and maintain a confidential emergency shelter. Volunteers and interns are crucial to ATVP's ability to provide quality services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Volunteering or interning with ATVP is an excellent way to give to your community. It will provide you with human services experience and in-depth training and skill-building. You may even be able to earn university credit for your involvement!

## VOLUNTEER AND INTERN OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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As an ATVP volunteer advocate, you will play a vital role in helping our organization meet the needs of our clients. Volunteer advocates assist the agency by taking the crisis hotline from 4:30 pm to 9:00 am on weekdays and from 9:00 am to 9:00am on weekends and holidays. Volunteer advocates provide crisis intervention and advocacy-based counseling on the hotline, and are trained to provide in-person response.

Volunteer advocates may also provide office support and may assist in transporting clients to safe places. They may serve as outreach support for ATVP by staffing booths and tables at community and university functions and by distributing flyers and brochures. Volunteers can assist with child advocacy during support groups or events, and with legal advocacy (additional training is provided for legal advocacy opportunities).

Like volunteer advocates, interns provide advocacy-based counseling and crisis intervention to clients. In addition, interns provide extensive crisis intervention and office support to the agency. Internship opportunities may include office management, legal advocacy, outreach assistance, direct domestic violence and sexual assault services, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention program assistance, child advocacy, and fundraising. Some internship opportunities may require additional training and an extended commitment.



## ATVP VOLUNTEER AND INTERN REQUIREMENTS

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### VOLUNTEERS

#### Pre-Service Requirements:

- Application, 3 references, Advocate program agreement
- Current driver's license, and car insurance
- Criminal background checks
- 42.5 hours ATVP advocate training
- Skill assessment and staff interview

#### In-Service Requirements:

- A minimum of 2 to 3 hotline shifts per month
- Attendance at monthly advocate meetings
- Completion of ongoing training requirements
- Adherence to policy & procedures
- Three-month and one-year evaluations
- A minimum one-year commitment

### INTERNS

#### Pre-Service Requirements:

- Application, resume, and cover letter
- Current driver's license, and car insurance
- Criminal background checks
- 42.5 hours ATVP advocate training
- Skill assessment and staff interview
- Formal written offer by ATVP
- Contract

#### In-Service Requirements:

- Attendance at monthly advocate meetings
- Completion of ongoing training requirements
- Adherence to agency policies & procedures
- Three-month evaluation
- A minimum one-year commitment
- Completion of all academic requirements
- Completion of internship goals