

VOLUNTEER PROVIDER — PRO BONO COUNSELING PROGRAM

Organization: Project Access Northwest **Location:** Remote or in-person throughout Washington State

ABOUT PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWEST:

Project Access Northwest is a trusted nonprofit organization, based in Seattle, dedicated to transforming access to health care in Washington state. We provide uninsured and under-insured individuals with access to specialty medical, dental and mental health care counseling, and provide vital connections for housing, food and other essential resources.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

As a Volunteer Provider with the Pro Bono Counseling Program, you will play a crucial role in delivering highquality mental health care to underserved populations. This volunteer position involves offering your professional counseling or therapy services to individuals facing financial constraints or limited access to mental health support. Your commitment will help ensure that everyone, regardless of their financial situation, has the opportunity to receive the help they deserve.

TIME COMMITMENT:

Maximize your impact by tailoring your volunteer experience to fit your schedule. *YOU* select the number of clients, sessions and hours that work best for you. Choose between providing services at a physical location or through online appointments, seamlessly integrating volunteering with your professional and personal responsibilities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide confidential, skilled support through individual counseling, group therapy, couples counseling, family therapy or crisis intervention.
- Conduct thorough assessments and develop personalized treatment plans tailored to each person's needs.
- Track number of people served, through the Pro Bono Counseling program, and their respective locations share this information with Director of Behavioral Health integration at Project Access Northwest quarterly

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:

- **Thoroughly Screened Clients:** Work with people who are carefully matched to your expertise and therapy style, ensuring a productive therapeutic relationship.
- **Case Consultation:** Access to free case consultations to discuss complex cases and receive support from peers.
- **Continuing Education:** Free workshops to help you stay updated with the latest practices and earn continuing education credits offered by Washington Mental Health Counselor Association (WMHCA).
- **Support and Community:** Join a network of dedicated professionals committed to improving mental health care access. Opportunity to contribute to the "Ask A Therapist" blog to support destigmatization and increase community awareness about mental health.
- Licensure Supervision: Free state licensure supervision hours for those working toward full independent licensure.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be an independent or associate licensed mental health professional (e.g., LMHC, LPC, LCSW, LMFT, LMHC-A, LCSW-A, LMFT-A), a student intern working toward licensure, OR certified peer counselor (CPC) in the state of Washington.
- Have a strong commitment to providing high-quality, culturally appropriate care to underserved populations.
- Must have Electronic Health Record (EHR) for client documentation.
- Must have Personal Liability Insurance Which can be provided free of charge depending on licensure type (please contact Sherese for more information).

HOW TO APPLY

To become a Volunteer Provider, complete our easy-to-use provider pledge form accessible through our website (<u>https://projectaccessnw.org/programs/pro-bono-counseling/volunteer-as-a-clinician</u>) or through this direct link: <u>Project Access Northwest - Pro Bono Counseling Provider Pledge WebForm</u>.

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