

Writing Internship Opportunity

Organization Overview:

In 1977, the Women's Resource Center (WRC) began in Dillon, MT, as a grassroots support group for local women. Within a few years, the women recognized the need to offer free, confidential services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Beaverhead and Madison counties. Forty-seven years later, the WRC continues its mission through three essential services: crisis intervention, advocacy and outreach.

Internship Description:

We are inviting applications from English, History or Social Science majors to contribute to the documentation of the Women's Resource Center's impactful history. This internship provides a unique chance to engage in archival research, conduct interviews, and create a comprehensive narrative that delves into the organization's development over the past four decades.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct thorough research into the WRC's history through local newspaper archives, exploring historical documents, photographs, and relevant materials.
- Interview key figures, past and present members, and stakeholders to collect firsthand accounts that illuminate the organization's journey.
- Collaborate with the team to organize and analyze collected information, drawing connections between historical events and the center's evolution.
- Incorporate the historical context of the WRC's founding in 1977, recognizing its grassroots origins and the expansion of services to address domestic violence and sexual assault survivors.
- Draft a compelling and accurate history of the Women's Resource Center, highlighting pivotal moments.
- Ensure the inclusion of diverse voices and perspectives to create a comprehensive and inclusive narrative.

Qualifications:

- Pursuing a degree in English, History, Social Science, or a related field.
- Strong research and analytical skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Interest in women's rights, social justice, and community development.
- Familiarity with archival research methods is advantageous.

Duration:

This paid internship offers part-time hours and a flexible schedule and will last for one or two semesters. Interns will benefit from close collaboration with current and former WRC board members, staff, and volunteers gaining valuable insights into the history of women's advocacy.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit their resume, cover letter, and a writing sample directly to Rebecca Knotts, Executive Director, at rebecca@wrcmt.org. Please use "WRC History Writing Internship Application" as the subject line. Applications accepted until the position is filled.

Embark on this enriching opportunity to contribute to the preservation of the Women's Resource Center's legacy, acknowledging its grassroots beginnings and its ongoing mission to provide essential services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Southwest MT.

Note:

For the safety and security of clients, and to comply with federal grant regulations, WRC interns are required to complete and pass a criminal records background check and fingerprinting through the MT Department of Justice.

Statement of Inclusion:

The Women's Resource Center fosters a culture of inclusion. We value people with a wide breadth of life experiences and worldviews. The WRC values people of all racial, cultural, national, sexual orientations, gender identities, religious beliefs, marital statuses, family structures, ages, mental and physical health and abilities, political perspectives, educational backgrounds, and class statuses.