

THE DRÔP

About the Program

The Drop promotes the overall well-being and self-determination of at-risk youth in the Parry Sound area and surrounding communities including five First Nations (Wasauksing, Shawanga, Magnetawan, Henvey, and Moose Deer Point).

The purpose of The Drop is to:

1. Address and prevent problems faced by youth by operating a supervised drop-in centre that provides structured programs directed toward resolving problems including substance abuse, youth unemployment, mental health issues, and abuse.
2. Carry out activities ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the above charitable purpose.

About the Volunteer Position

Our volunteers play a critical role in helping to create a space where all youth feel welcome and respected. As a member of our volunteer team, you will support the daily programming at The Drop, and foster a positive, supportive environment through planned activities and casual connections. You will have wonderful opportunities to engage with young people and serve as a positive adult role model in their lives.

As a member of our team, you will model and promote the core values of The Drop:



Our MISSION is to celebrate, support and nurture youth.

We VALUE inclusivity & diversity.

We RESPECT and HONOUR individuality.

We WELCOME all youth.

We offer a space FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION.

About You

- Responsible and dependable adults (18+ years old).
- Ability to be open and respectful of diversity, and work with people from different backgrounds, cultures, and/or life experiences.
- Ability to listen with compassion, value the uniqueness of individuals, and respect confidentiality.
- Ability to work independently as well as part of an outstanding volunteer team.
- Experience with young people (an asset).
- Fluency in English.
- **A Vulnerable Sector Check (completed within the past three years) is mandatory for all volunteers who are 18+ years old.**

Benefits

- Be a part of an exciting, new, and growing community initiative in Parry Sound.
- Training and certification in youth mental health first aid.
- Complementary and snazzy t-shirt.
- Opportunities to gain new skills and experience working with youth.
- Reference letter after 3-months, if requested.
- Certificate of completion after 6-month contract.
- Annual volunteer appreciation.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Attend mandatory orientation and training.
- Ensure you sign in/out for all scheduled volunteer shifts.
- Help to make sure the space is set-up and welcoming for youth.
- Participate in social and recreation activities with youth.
- Provide on-site supervision.
- Exercise good judgment, especially when to take action and follow The Drop's protocol if you are concerned about a young person's immediate well-being.
- Clean and lock-up at the end of shift.
- Participate in scheduled team meetings, as needed.

Commitment

- Volunteers must commit to at least one 3-hour shift per month; two shifts are preferred.
- Attend/complete orientation and tour of The Drop (1.5 hours)
- **This position requires a minimum 6-month commitment**

Shifts available:

September through June *summer hours may vary		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3:30-6:00 pm	3:30-6:00 pm	3:30-6:00 pm
<i>The Drop After Dark, last Friday of every month, 7:00-9:00pm</i>		

How to apply

Ready to volunteer? Apply at www.thedropparrysound.com

Need more information? Please contact us at info@thedropparrysound.com

Equity Statement:

We are an equity organization and encourage applications from all individuals, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people, people of all sexual orientation and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of our team.

Accessibility Statement:

We appreciate diversity and inclusion. If you wish this information in a different format and/or require specific accommodation during the application process, please let us know (info@thedropparrysound.com).