

About Bill Wilson Center

Bill Wilson Center is a nonprofit, community-based agency providing services to Santa Clara County since 1973. Bill Wilson Center's mission is to support and strengthen the community by serving youth and families through counseling, housing, education, and advocacy. Each year Bill Wilson Center serves more than 10,000 clients through the following programs:

- Family & Individual Counseling
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter
- Homeless Youth Drop-In Center
- Transitional Housing Program
- Centre for Living with Dying
- Independent Living Skills Program
- School Outreach Counseling
- Contact Cares
- Quetzal House
- Restorative Justice Program
- Safe Place
- Peer Educator Program

Orientation Dates

All general volunteer orientations are held at Bill Wilson Center's main building, at the address below. Training schedules are posted online.



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counseling • housing • education • advocacy

Become a Volunteer



Make an Impact

For more than 30 years, Bill Wilson Center volunteers have increased the effectiveness of our programs. There are a number of ways to help, and we welcome your energy, skills, and caring nature.

Our need for volunteers ranges from working with youth, answering our crisis line, providing grief counseling, or helping with day-to-day office tasks. We also encourage you to organize your group to raise funds or donate items on our online Wish List (www.billwilsoncenter.org).

Most volunteer opportunities are for adults over the age of 18, but we have two programs that utilize youth volunteers: Bill Wilson Center Peer Leadership Program and Safe Place Community Outreach Program (12 and older).

Together, we're changing individual lives as well as building a safe and nurturing community for all of us.



Getting Started

It's important to understand that becoming a Bill Wilson Center volunteer requires special dedication and a significant time commitment.

Whether you'll be working with at-risk youth or providing bereavement support, our clients need someone they can depend on for the long haul. For this reason, most of our volunteer opportunities require a commitment of 8 - 16 hours per month for a minimum of one year.

The process will include the following steps:

- Volunteer Orientation
- Written Application with References
- Personal Interview
- Fingerprint Clearance
- Training Series (all training provided by Bill Wilson Center)

For more information, contact:

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Your gift of time is perhaps the most precious contribution you can make.



Internships

You can earn college credit for internships in various programs. Contact our volunteer program manager for details.

What Will I Be Doing?

We have more volunteer opportunities than we can list, so here we've named just a few programs. Our volunteer program manager will work with you to match your interests and skills to a specific job.

- **Contact Cares**
 - Answer helplines, provide telephone counseling, information and referrals
- **Centre for Living with Dying**
 - Provide emotional support to those facing life-threatening illness or death of a loved one
- **Homeless Youth Drop-in Center**
 - Create positive bonds with youth and link them to resources, assist with job readiness, food preparation and administrative tasks
- **Independent Living Skills Program**
 - Act as a role model for youth in foster care and provide life skills curriculum on an individual and group basis
- **Safe Place Community Outreach**
 - Mentor and supervise youth-led leadership teams

Bill Wilson Center also has full-time AmeriCorps positions available. For more information call (408) 283-6219 or visit www.bayac.org